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'Ice to see you — Fire department crews trek out to Haggetts Pond each winter to plunge into the freezing waters and practice ice rescues. Above, John DiZoglio pulls Deputy Richard Hartman from the icy pond.

Long battle over development begins

By Adam Groff

Local residents and a national developer faced off Tuesday night as the Zoning Board of Appeals opened its hearing on whether to grant a comprehensive permit for the construction of a 152-unit apartment complex where the Monastery of St. Clare now stands on River Road in West Andover.

William McLaughlin, vice president of development for AvalonBay Communities Inc., strove with diagrams and traffic studies to show that his apartment plan would minimize impacts on the neighborhood, while town residents, led by the recently formed committee Protect Andover Zoning (PAZ) and using their own statistics, vociferously urged the board to reject his petition.

McLaughlin introduced himself as the executive in charge of the Boston branch of AvalonBay, a \$5 billion

nationwide real-estate investment trust, which he said owns and operates over 4,000 apartment units in Massachusetts. Citing the "tremendous renaissance of jobs" in Massachusetts at which Andover is "at the forefront," he said Avalon is trying to meet the high demand for rental properties in town.

McLaughlin outlined how the development could benefit Andover.

"This property is currently not paying taxes," said McLaughlin, because, as a home to nuns, it is exempt. According to McLaughlin, the proposed development would mean between \$1,500 and \$2,000 per unit per year in tax revenue, for a total of approximately \$230,000 per year. A ballpark estimate for excise tax revenue from cars in the 290-space parking lot, he said, is \$50,000 per year.

McLaughlin also sought to head off the concerns of

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Non-conclusive tests show high levels of radioactive gas Radon mitigation for new schools

By Adam Groff

Saying they can't be sure whether there will be unsafe levels of radon in the two new schools under construction in West Andover, town officials have decided to equip the buildings with a radon mitigation system.

Eight of nine preliminary tests of the area where the new schools will be built indicate there are radon levels there well above Environmental Protection Agency standards. As a result, the School Building Committee, on the advice of the Health Department, has recommended that a special ventilation system be incorporated into the two new schools being built at Cross Street and High Plain Road. It is estimated to cost about \$200,000.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that can cause lung cancer. According to town project manager Phil Tuminelli, building on a rock ledge, like the one underlying the site for the new schools, can increase the risk of elevated radon levels.

"When you're blasting rock," he said, "you end up fracturing the rock, and radon can come up through the cracks. The problem with radon is that there's no way of telling whether you're definitely going to have radon."

He said that the presence of radon is difficult to detect before the walls and roof of a building are erected, creating an enclosed space in which the gas can collect. However, he said it is possible to conduct a rough test for

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SHARPEN THOSE NO. 2s



Parents, teachers and other residents soon can take the test that's getting all the attention — the MCAS. Story in Education.

Offers way out of public housing

Will new program be a home run?

By Rebecca Piro

Andover Housing Authority families can now get an extra hand up — and out — of the state-subsidized system.

The Rent Escrow Program, established by the state Department of Housing and Community Development, is a way for eligible families to put aside a percentage of their paychecks every week and save towards the purchase or rent of a private home or

apartment, says Housing Director Christine Metzmaekers. The program was made available in Andover for the first time last week.

Because of the setup for subsidized housing payments, families often struggle with saving money, she says. For every dollar that subsidized-housing residents make, a certain percentage always goes towards rent. If residents get a pay raise, the

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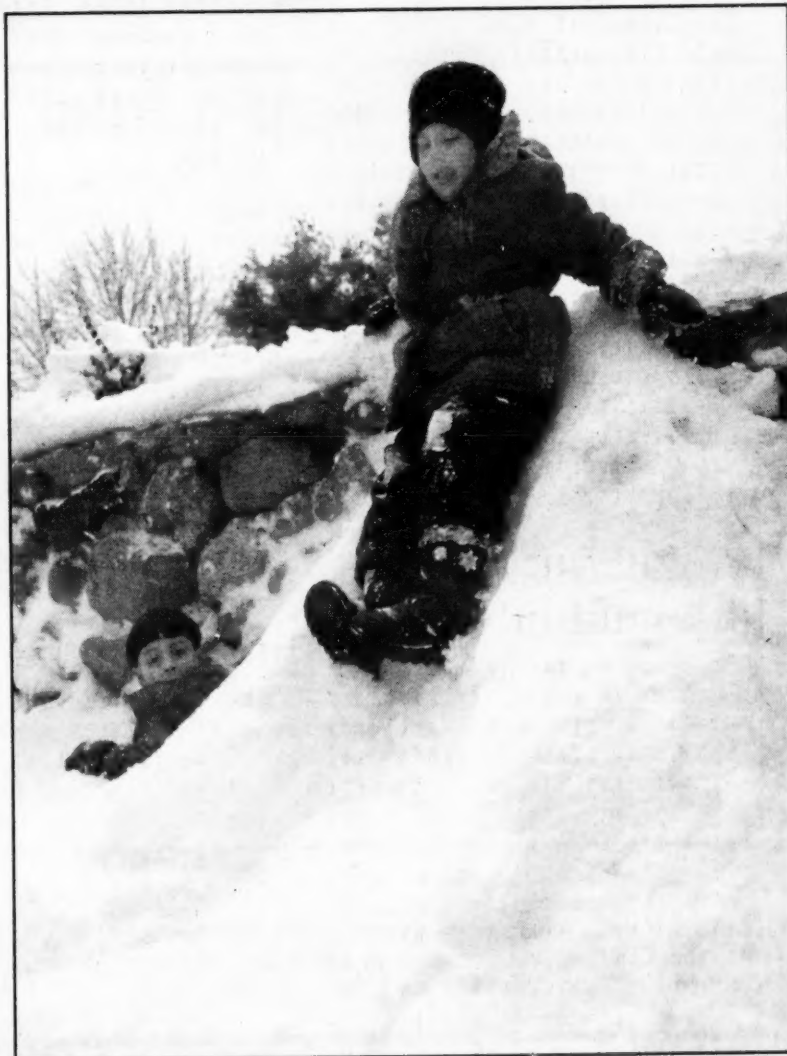


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Up and over — Anna Marocco slides down a small snow pile, while Michael Frio checks out the view from ground zero.

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A picture dear to Delphi

Jim Saret was planning to grab a quick lunch in his kitchen last Wednesday at noon when some unexpected visitors stopped by.

Glancing out his kitchen window, Saret saw a pair of deer on his property. "I said, 'I'm not going to have my sandwich, I'm going to run and get my camera,'" he says.

Saret snapped some shots, and says the two deer camped out in his yard for about three hours.

"There are a lot of these deer at

night now. I know we see them when we're driving home," says Saret, of 9 Delphi Circle. "You have to be careful."

Deer struck by cars are reported to Andover police frequently. The police keep a list of people to call when a deer is killed by a car, and the residents on the list come to pick up the deer and use them for their meat.

— Neil Fater

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Photo by Jim Saret

Jim Saret of Delphi Circle had plenty of time to capture this deer, and another, on film last week. The pair rested in his yard for about three hours, he says.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Sustaining communities

The League of Women Voters of Andover-North Andover will hold unit meetings at 12:15 p.m. on both Tuesday, Jan. 23 and Saturday, Jan. 27, on "building sustainable communities." Members attending either meeting will get background information, then consider whether the League should explore the sustainability of Andover and North Andover, using an "ecological footprint," which the league describes as "a way to calculate one's use of the earth's resources to sustain one's life style."

For information and directions to the Tuesday meeting, contact Debbie Miller, 475-4053; for Saturday's meeting, contact Gail Mann, 470-2285.

Lawyers' funds and (state-grant) money

Thanks to the state legislature's decision to increase state funding, legal aid programs serving Essex County will receive an additional \$193,000 for fiscal year 2001. The Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corp. announced the grants, which it awarded to 18 programs across the state, including Merrimack Valley Legal Services and Neighborhood Legal Services, both of which have offices in Lawrence. The increase is the direct result of a statewide campaign to expand funding for civil legal services for low-income people.

Up the Shawsheen, with several paddles

The Shawsheen River Watershed Association is planning several canoe trips down the Shawsheen River.

According to the association, "It is hoped that we can canoe the entire length of the Shawsheen River in a series of short half-day trips. The exact starting and ending points will be announced on a timely basis and published on our Web site."

The only part of the river the paddlers plan to skip is a short distance in Andover, between the

Stevens Street and the Balmoral dams along North Main Street. The canoe-trip dates are April 7, May 5, June 2, June 21, Aug. 4, Sept. 8, and Oct. 6. The June 21 trip will be an evening trip on the summer solstice. The annual scouting trip of the entire river will be March 24.

River clean-ups

The six clean-ups for the year will be on April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, Aug. 11, and Sept. 22. The exact starting and ending points will be



announced on group's Web site. Two-hour cleanups will be held on Tuesday nights during the summer.

Finegold has new e-mail

The e-mail address of state Rep. Barry Finegold (D-Andover) has changed. Finegold's new address at the Statehouse is <Rep.BarryFinegold@hou.state.ma.us>.

Correction

Due to a reporting error, a person was incorrectly identified in the Dec. 28 article "As the millennium begins (technically) many ring it in quietly." The Sean Fitzgerald interviewed and photographed for the story is not the Fitzgerald who lives at Worthen Place.

Web question

Last week's *Townsmen* Web-site question was: This year's Town Meeting warrant may contain fewer articles than in the recent past, due in part to November's Special Town Meeting. Should the town regularly hold a Special Town Meeting?

Twenty-six people responded, and 17, or 65 percent of them, said, "Yes, the number of articles at each meeting has gotten out of hand. This will allow residents to focus on each article." Another six said "No, having two meetings every year will further cut down on the numbers attending each Town Meeting." No one responded with "I do not go to town meeting anyway," but three people voted "Other."

This week's question is: The town will close the Town Meeting warrant tomorrow, Friday, meaning residents can no longer conventionally file warrant articles for Annual Town Meeting. Town Meeting will not begin until April 23. Should Andover keep the warrant open longer?

Surf over to our Web site at <www.andovertownsmen.com> to cast your vote.

Quote, unquote . . .

I don't know of any other applicants, but if there are, God love 'em."

Andover Youth Foundation President Larry Larsen, whose organization responded to the town's Request For Proposal for a youth center before it closed Tuesday afternoon. (Story, page 15.)

'Some people don't mind making the mode switch. The aggravation of waiting for a parking space is worth the mode switch. If people don't mind making that mode switch, then (why not)?"

MVRTA Administrator Joe Costanzo commenting on Selectmen Chairman Brian Major's idea to let commuters park in a church lot and then get bused to the train station. (Story, page 14.)

'We want Will Hall, and we don't want anything to do with that West Andover. We're for Will Hall all the way."

Will Hall building committee member Rita Carrier. (Story, page 16.)

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Andover Housing Authority, 100 Morton St., 7 p.m.

Commission on Disabilities, town offices, third floor, 7 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 22

Zoning Board of Appeals, continued public hearing, Memorial Hall Library, second floor, 7 p.m.

Board of Selectmen, town offices, third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m. Televised.

Tuesday, Jan. 23

Planning Board, town offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 24

Patriotic Holiday/Korean War Committee, town offices, second floor, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 25

Ballardvale Traffic Task Force, town offices, third floor, 7 p.m.

Government Review Committee, town offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 26

Strategic Planning Task Force, town offices, third floor, 7:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 30

Redistricting Task Force, school administration building, School Committee room, 7:30 p.m.

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Adams opening; club social

The Addison Gallery of American Art will have its opening reception tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 19 for *Reinventing the West: The Photographs of Ansel Adams and Robert Adams*. The opening reception will last from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Harvard Club of Andover will also hold a winter social at the opening. It will meet at the Andover Inn at 5:30 p.m. for cocktails. For information on the social, call Larry Morse at 475-9682, or e-mail him at lawmorse@shore.net.



Ansel Adams,
General
Sherman's Tree,
Sequoia
National Park,
California, 1938

AHS grad's 'Law & Order' episode airs week earlier than expected

There ought to be a law, for TV shows

The postcards were set to go out. The relatives had been told. Andover High grad Laura Fallon was set to return home to New York last week to watch herself on the popular *Law & Order* TV show yesterday, Jan. 17.

But she got a bit of a surprise last Wednesday, Jan. 10, when she called home to check her answering machine. "We were checking our messages from the airport and were hearing people say 'I just saw you,'" says Fallon.

It turns out NBC decided to televise the episode a week earlier than originally planned. "We were well past the time when we could have called people to tape it. We had already gotten message from two time zones," laughs Fallon. "I didn't know why anyone would have taped it."

Fallon, a 1989 AHS alum, also appeared in the opening minutes — her character discovers four dead bodies and talks with the police — so even if friends had seen her on the tube, they wouldn't have had time to find a tape to record her scenes. Fortunately, *Law & Order* is such a popular show, several friends had taped the episode as a matter of course. Still, the change

in air date meant she didn't get to see the show live.

"It's kind of a bummer, but it happens," says Fallon. "I think when I was listening to the messages I was excited and I said, 'Wow, this is so nice.' Then it hit me when I hung up the phone. This means I can't see it. My parents can't see it, and the agents I told I'd be on can't see it." The actress spent part of the weekend peeling stickers off postcards she was going to send out reminding people about the show, and replacing them with new stickers.

On Monday, she finally watched the show, which was as new to her as it was to viewers. Because her character did not know who the murderer was, Fallon intentionally never read the entire script. "I just watched it all the way through with (her husband) Eric about two hours ago," she said on Monday. "I finally knew who the killer was."



Laura Fallon

Though Fallon has been acting her entire adult life, she says the *Law & Order* experience was unique.

"What's different about it is it's something millions of people saw. Whether or not they know me, they saw it," she says. "This is something I knew was going to air and people would see. Not everyone gets to the theater and not everyone would see this little film that I

did, but everyone can see *Law & Order*."

Fallon said both the actors who play the hard-nosed cops and the crew made her feel at home. "I felt very in the moment and I didn't feel I was pushing," she said of shooting her scenes. "I felt the director was really wonderful with me, and the cameraman was, and all the actors were so supportive. I felt good when I walked away."

— Neil Fater

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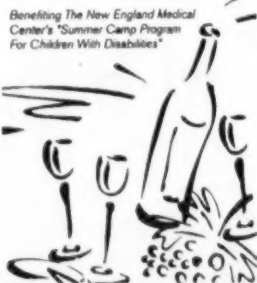


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Designer from Andover wraps up historic Statehouse gig

By Adam Groff

Stewart Monderer of Dundas Avenue had to hustle to do his part in promoting Massachusetts history.

The owner of Boston-based Stewart Monderer Design Inc. recently created a mural illustrating the history of Boston and the Massachusetts Statehouse that will stand in front of the Statehouse for the duration of the historic building's 28-



Photo by Tim Jean

Stewart Monderer in front of his Statehouse mural.

month renovation project. But Monderer has far less time to create the mural.

"I was contacted the day before Thanksgiving," said Monderer, "and it went up Dec. 5."

Currently, the Statehouse is surrounded by scaffolding and completely wrapped in plastic, obscuring all of the 1798 building except its golden dome. State officials wanted to give sightseers something more tasteful to look at, says Monderer.

Secretary of Administration and Finance Stephen Crosby initiated the project. Another design firm was hired to print historic images on the wrap surrounding the building, and Monderer was brought on to do a separate mural fronting Beacon Street.

"They wanted something more street-level that people can see and that will tell them something about the history of Boston and the Statehouse," he said.

Monderer personally tackled the bulk of the project, meeting

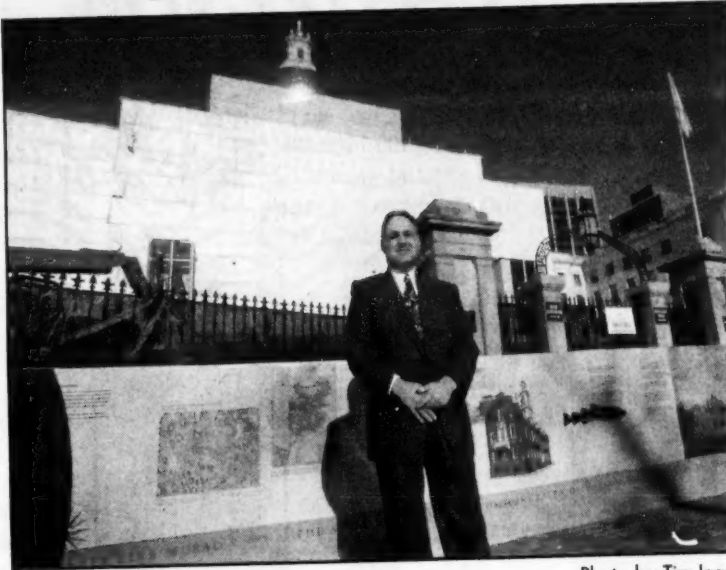


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Slices of life — Andover's Stewart Monderer has helped dress up the Statehouse during its renovation by creating a mural.

with librarians and building administration officials to pull together photographs and historic images, many of them old maps, for the 100-foot by five-and-a-half-foot display.

"For all tourists it really does give a simple and informative

presentation of the growth of Boston and the Statehouse," said Monderer. "Some really old and rarely seen images are included."

Asked about his favorite scene on the display, Monderer replied, "There's this one large

image of the Statehouse when it was first built, showing the Common with cows grazing in it, from about 1829. It has such a neat viewpoint on things. People are walking by the cows, and the trees are so small — it really brings you back to that period."

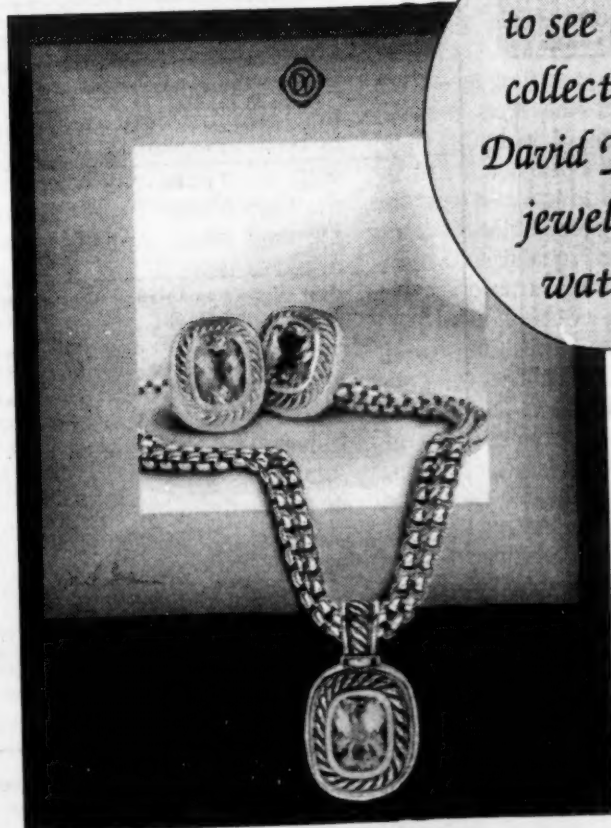
Monderer says that this project is a bit of a departure for his firm, which normally provides graphic-design services for corporations and non-profit groups.

"It's different in that it's an outdoor, museum-exhibit-type thing," he says, "whereas typically we're involved in corporate-identity communication and laying out brochures, annual reports, conference communications, that sort of thing."

Monderer has been in business for 18 years, and lived in Andover for about seven. He says a lot of the work on the Statehouse display, including his own, was donated. "It was a really fun project," he says, "It's a good way to teach people about our history, and I'm just glad to be a part of it."



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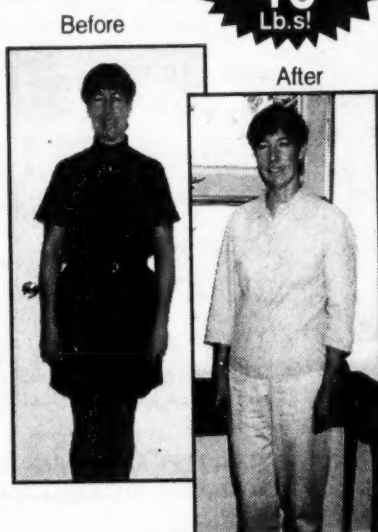
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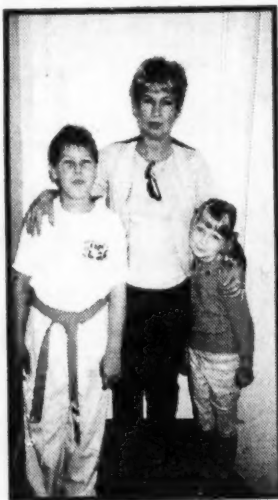
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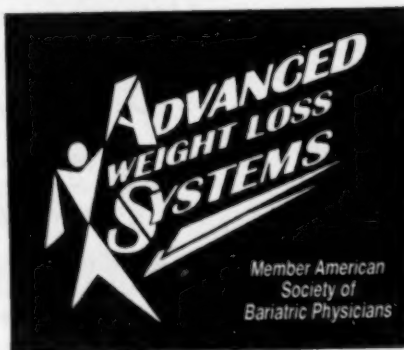
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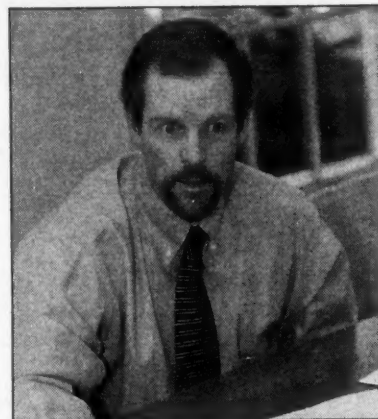
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residents about a slew of new students entering the Andover school system from renters not paying property tax. Based on his experience with the Avalon Oaks development in Wilmington, he said that the 114 market-rate units proposed for Andover would generate only about 10 school-age children.

This comment elicited one of the only disruptions of the evening, a few loud guffaws from the back of the room, which in turn elicited a rebuke from board chairman Daniel Casper.

McLaughlin said an estimated 10 more students from the moderate-income units would yield a modest 20 new students.

Resident Jane Bowman later offered a different estimate, derived from numbers coming from Brookside Estates, a development off the north end of River Road. If the number of students coming from the AvalonBay development were proportional to those from Brookside, she said, there would be 113 kids. Based on a per-pupil expenditure of \$4800 per year, she said, that amounts to about \$542,000 required to absorb the new students, much more than McLaughlin's estimate.



William McLaughlin of AvalonBay Communities

ed tax revenue from the development.

"Taxpayers can bear no further tax increases," she said. "The town of Andover cannot afford this proposal."

Traffic and other concerns

Rick Bryan of Rizzo Associates, who conducted a traffic study for AvalonBay, said cars from the proposed development would add "less than one vehicle per minute" to the service on River Road, a minor impact that he said would not change the

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AvalonBay's plan

AvalonBay Communities is looking to build an apartment complex on River Road.

The market-rate units in his proposed development, said William McLaughlin, vice president of development, will probably rent for between \$1,500 and \$2,500 per month. Twenty-five percent of them, or 38 units, will be reserved for moderate-income tenants, defined as those earning less than 80 percent of the area median income, which McLaughlin said equals \$52,000 a year for a family of four. Those units would rent for half as much as the others. Such an arrangement qualifies AvalonBay to apply for a comprehensive permit, which overrides local zoning restrictions, under Chapter in 40B state law, sometimes referred to as the "anti-snob zoning law."

"Our market-rate units are typically the last stop before someone buys a home for the first time, and the last stop after 'empty-nesters' sell one," he said. Seeking to allay fears about an influx of transient residents from out of town, he also said it would be possible to set aside up to 70 percent of the affordable units for Andover residents through targeted local marketing.

He said that he has striven, through meetings with Planning Director Steve Colyer during the past year, to hone the plan to make

it "respectful of the residential character of the neighborhood." The main building of the eight proposed would have four stories, while the other seven would have only two. The 10-foot-high wall currently surrounding the monastery, he said, would be left in place, along with the buffer and the trees outside the wall.

McLaughlin said that AvalonBay will assume responsibility for extending the town water supply to the development, consistent with what is already outlined in the town Master Plan, thus making town water available to area residents as well. The sewer line that would serve the development has already been planned by Tewksbury developer James MacKey of MacKey Construction.

MacKey is under agreement to transfer the monastery land to AvalonBay after he completes a new, smaller monastery for the Sisters of St. Clare on land owned by the Franciscan Center across the street. Under an agreement with the town of Tewksbury, the sewer will connect to the Tewksbury system less than half a mile down River Road. McLaughlin said about 1,600 gallons per day of the 30,000 gallon line will come from the new monastery, while almost all the rest will come from his development.

Matching program offers way out of public housing

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percentage for rent goes up as well, making it almost impossible to set aside enough money to get out of subsidized housing.

"A lot of people want to (move on), but they can't transition out because they can't get the first, last and security (payments) together," she says.

With the Rent Escrow Program, a portion of what each resident pays in rent to the Housing Authority goes into an interest-bearing account, says Metzemaekers. For every \$2 that is deposited into the account, DHCD will match it with \$1.

"What kind of bank would give you that kind of return?" says Metzemaekers. "It's a 50-percent return. You can't beat that."

The escrow funds, which can accumulate up to \$10,000, can

only be used for two things: a down-payment on a house, or any rental that's not subsidized, she adds.

"I think it's a great program," says Bob Fraize, president of Memorial Circle's Family Tenant Council. "Before... you couldn't get out of (subsidized) housing, because every time you made money your rent would go up, which is mandated by the state. This program here is a step in the right direction."

It's still too early to tell how many families will sign up for the program, he says, but he's certain that there will be interest.

The Watertown Housing Authority in Watertown, Mass. was one of the first communities where the state piloted this program back in 1999, says Executive Director Tom Wade. Since then, four families have

bought private homes, and 37 more families are currently working towards similar goals.



'We're not saying that they could transfer into

Andover, but it's an opportunity to transition out of subsidized housing.'

Christine Metzemaekers

The program also helps to make available subsidized housing units - which often have lengthy waiting lists - after families move.

"What I liked about it initially was that it was the first proactive thing that we had done for our residents in state housing for a long time," says Wade. "It gives people something else to work for... beyond survival."

To participate in the Rent Escrow Program, the head of the household must be employed, and he or she must be a tenant in good standing, says Metzemaekers. In addition, Andover Housing Authority counselors work with the residents to set goals, find job training and improve their money-earning potential.

There are only a few locations throughout the state that have been chosen to participate

in this program, Metzemaekers says. The state has a cap on the funding for the project - only 5,000 households statewide will be allowed to participate - so it is first-come, first-served for interested families, she adds.

Families that earn enough money to move from subsidized housing likely will not be able to afford housing in Andover, because of the soaring real-estate prices in town, says Metzemaekers. But, more importantly, they will have the opportunity to move on, even if it is out of town, she says.

"We're not saying that they could necessarily transfer into Andover, but it's an opportunity to transition out of subsidized housing at all," she says.

"It's the first program for our family developments that gives people hope," Wade says. "That's the bottom line."

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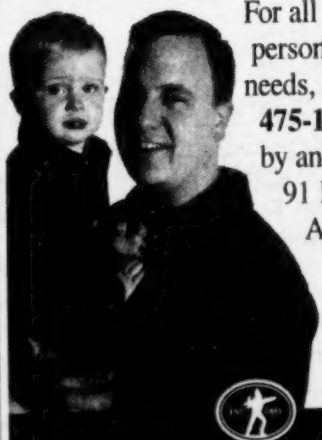
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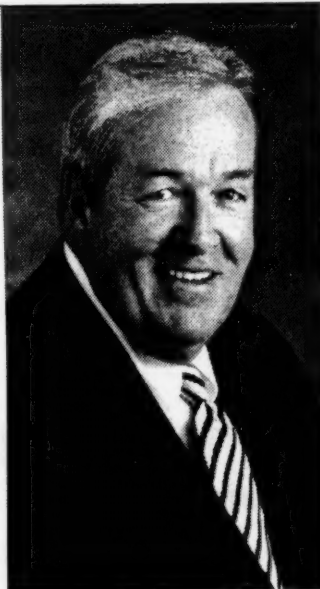
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Keep the communication lines open

Say this for AvalonBay, the company that wants to build an unpopular, more-than-150-unit apartment complex on just nine acres: At least they understand they should make friends here.

At the end of the day, residents and officials may still be opposed to any sort of apartment complex at the River Road site, but at least Avalon's vice president says he's willing to meet with people and discuss some sort of compromise.

Being open to public input — which isn't always positive — is a necessity for the success of almost any project. Town groups in particular should heed this message. That's why the town should keep the town warrant open longer. It's also why both the groups looking to raise money for centers should maintain open communication.

When the seniors' steering committee has completed its reorganization, it should be more open to releasing updates on its fundraising progress than the Friends group has been in the past. Larry Larsen, of the Andover Youth Foundation, promises that the AYF group will be accessible, and the town should hold AYF to that pledge.

One reason to inform the public is simply because residents are intently interested in such projects.

But there's another interest of importance — self-interest. Projects that keep the lines of communication open to the public tend to have an easier time winning the public's trust and support. Sometimes, there just may be no way to win full support. But a good-faith effort is a step in the right direction.

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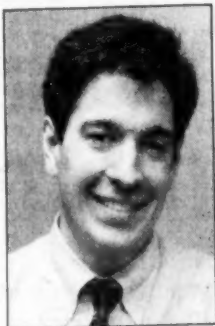
It also does not publish letters for candidates in the issue prior to an election.



Photo by Tim Jean

Firing squad — Joseph Frio and Austin Marocco take out each other's frozen weapons mid-air as their snowballs collide during a snowball fight Monday at the end of Ivanhoe Lane.

No time like the present to provide more time



Neil Fater

Are you ready for Town Meeting?

Unless you're a political junkie, someone with a very sharp ax to grind — or someone with absolutely no social life — the answer is most certainly "No."

Heck, the meeting is more than three months away, and most people have more important things to do in January than think about some meeting that starts on April 23 and might not end until May 1.

Yet tomorrow, Jan. 19, town government will stop accepting issues to be discussed at that meeting. The warrant for Annual Town Meeting will close.

Someone who comes up with a great idea on Saturday for saving the town money will have to wait until next year. A resident who discovers a solution to the downtown parking hassle is out of luck, too — or will have to call a Special Town Meeting. In other words, it becomes tougher for people to approach their town government and make their

lives better.

This makes Mohawk Road resident Dennis Teves' hair stand on end.

Teves wants to see the town keep the Town Meeting warrant open until selectmen sign it, officially marking it as that meeting's document. Currently, this signing occurs several weeks after selectmen close the warrant to new articles.

Teves says he feels strongly about this because he was born in Portugal, and did not come to the United States until the 1960s.

"It's so important to me because it's the First Amendment. I spent 20 years under a dictatorship. I came to this country looking for freedom and justice," he says. Teves has even asked the Attorney General to rule on the matter, though the office has not demanded an end to the practice.

Nevertheless, state law specifically mentions warrant-article submission, but does not make any specific mention of a closing date, notes Teves. "The First Amendment is specific too. It says Congress shall make no law abridging the right of the people to petition the government. For some reason (town officials) think that a town bylaw gives them the right to do what they're doing. But that bylaw means nothing," he says.

That's why Teves has submitted what might be the most interesting one-sentence article to hit the Town Meeting

floor in years. The less-than-loving article — coincidentally submitted on Valentine's Day last year — asks "to see if the town will vote to empower the selectmen to deny the First Amendment rights of Andover citizens to petition, by refusing to accept or insert private articles before they sign the warrant."

Teves figures this puts selectmen right where he wants them. Who would vote for an article that allows the government to deny people their rights? And if Town Meeting rejects the article, as it would seem likely to do if the article comes to a vote, then Teves can claim residents have voted to do away with the current policy.

"This article basically describes the current policy verbatim," he says. "I'd be surprised if Town Meeting would support this, because, in my opinion, the way it's written, it's unconstitutional. We've got to stop this once and for all. What these guys are doing is wrong."

The question, though, is whether the town will recognize the article as legitimate and binding.

"That's what I'm afraid of. But I want this understood that this article reflects, almost verbatim, what the selectmen are doing," repeats Teves. "I want to send the selectmen a message that what they're doing is unconstitutional."

"Because it is unconstitutional," he says, pausing, "...in my opinion. I'm

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Letters

Peeved with PAZ

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I don't know if anyone has seen the flyer, being left in stores, that is being distributed by the Protect Andover Zoning Committee (PAZ). I find the flyer insulting and highly inflammatory with statements about a proposed River Road complex like:

1. It will "burden our over-crowded school system with transient students";
2. "Likely generate an increase in crime consistent with other high-density apartment complexes"; and
3. "They (the homes) are designed for transient residents."

Do these people get out much into the real world? Should we have a sign "Welcome to Andover, NO TRANSIENTS ALLOWED!"? Are all the families that have relocated to Andover due to job transfers considered to be transients, or does a certain salary range excuse them from such labels? There is an ample number of families that move in and out of this town, staying for only periods of a year or two before being transferred again. What is it that makes them so special? Is it because they are CEOs, make a lot of money and live in a big house? I moved to Andover five years ago because I was fortunate enough to find affordable housing, which is rare in this town.

If people choose to oppose the development of the land currently occupied by the St. Clare Monastery then they should do so as rational human beings and not as some paranoid, anti-social Andoverites looking out for my best interest. Stick to the facts, as those are things I can digest, and quit watching too much TV.

Robin Cohoon
17 Marland St.

Five more meetings to determine where kids go to school

Editor, *Townsmen*:

To the Town of Andover:
Redistricting Task Force (RTF) members have held six meetings to this point, and with five more scheduled, we wanted to bring the community up to speed as to where we are. While the meetings have been very well attended, there is a concern that some misconceptions still exist. To that end...

Options are being developed by the RTF to present to the School Committee for approval. The RTF is not empowered to make any decisions whatsoever. It is our hope to have two or more options for the elementary schools, and two or more for the middle schools, for the School Committee to decide upon.

Please do not call the school transportation department for information. They have had days where they have received 25 calls asking about particular streets, and where they might be going, if anywhere. While the RTF is using the transportation department's services for population information, transportation workers do not have a vote into what shape the options are taking and are not in possession of the information that is being sought.

Please attend the meetings. We would love to see you. They are held at the School Committee meeting room, second floor, central administration building (above the Andover Senior Center). The next meetings are Jan. 30, Feb. 13 and 26, and March 12 and 28.



File photo

After two new West Andover schools are built, some students from each of Andover's elementary and middle schools will probably attend a different school.

All meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. Every attempt is made to consider your input, though we try to keep the meetings structured so that the RTF can do its work. There is always a question and comment period toward the end of the meeting. Petitions are also welcome.

Thanks for your patience with us. There are no experts on this committee. We are trying to use a set of criteria that was developed (with audience input) from the first meeting to guide us as we develop our recommendations. Primary to that criteria is chil-

dren's safety. We have discovered that no option will be able to encompass everything, and an argument can always be made in opposition to an option using some piece of the criteria. But committee members feel that if we keep the safety of the students foremost in our minds, then whatever is decided later by the School Committee will be a sound decision.

Thanks again for all the involvement thus far, and we hope to see you at upcoming meetings.

Gerry Gustus
Redistricting Task Force

For the people

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sure (Town Counsel Tom) Urbelis and other people would disagree with me."

In fact, town officials say there are several good reasons that they close the warrant in mid-January.

Randy Hanson, town clerk, says the town needs time to determine how articles will affect the budget if they're approved. Town officials will also need to pull the articles together so they can publish the budget for debate, and publish the Finance Committee report 14 days before the town election in March.

There's another reason, too. One that isn't necessarily a good one. "Tradition," she says. "I've been here 11 years and they've always done it."

"It's really a practical matter. We have to pull the document together at a certain period of time. Having the warrant closed before (February) means if there is a financial article I can plan for it in the budget," says Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. "If the warrant closed at the end of February, that doesn't give us much time to react."

Stapczynski also tries to finesse his way around the warrant closing months before Town Meeting. "I would argue it's not (closed) three months before Town Meeting because Town

Meeting starts on March 27," he says. "The first warrant article is the election, so the town clerk has an obligation. She works backward from that date."

But if the town removed the town election from the warrant, and sent a separate warrant just for the election, this would also remove the need to publish the Finance Committee report so early. This could give residents more time to submit articles. It also would give officials more time to review both public and private requests, and still get recommendations into the Finance Committee report. It could provide a compromise between the government's desire for time to analyze each suggestion, and residents' right to have more time to petition the government.

"The issue is I believe they're trampling on the rights of the citizens to petition - and they shouldn't be allowed to get away with that," says Teves.

As residents on the Town Government Review Committee consider ways to improve town government, the simple removal of the town election from the Town Meeting warrant is something they should consider. Tradition is OK when you're talking about parades and statues. But when the choice is tradition or greater access to government, Andover should choose the latter every chance it gets.

Neil Fater is editor of the Andover Townsmen. Petition him at <nfater@andovertownsmen.com>.

Another voice joins chorus for fine arts

Editor, *Townsmen*:

On Jan. 11, the *Townsmen* published a letter from two students who were frustrated with the fact that more emphasis was placed on sports than on the fine arts accomplishments of our students. In a time when everyone is concerned with how young people spend their free time after school and in the evenings, we should all get behind those students who are putting their time to good use. This should apply to both those students who are involved in sports and other activities such as the fine arts.

Like Joshua and Danielle, I am not opposed to sports. The effort that goes into participating on a sports team builds character, but so does the effort that goes into the performance of a play like *Once on*

This Island.

I am sure that many student-athletes have received scholarships to fine colleges but let's not forget that the fine arts department also can boast about such successful alumni as Jay Leno and Michael Chiklis.

These men have always given credit to the Andover High School fine arts department for a great start in their chosen careers. I don't recall of hear-

ing any athlete giving credit to his high school athletic team for his success in his chosen career.

In summary, this is not meant to knock sports, but let's get behind those students who are putting just as much effort and passion in the area of fine arts.

Bill Barron
35 Linwood St.



Penney: Radon, gas found at schools site, common in Andover

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radon by placing a detection kit under a basket, covering the basket with plastic sheeting, covering the sheeting with sand, and leaving it there for 48 hours. Tuminelli says that's what he and the construction engineers did.

"The tests came back positive," he said, while cautioning that such tests are not conclusive.

"It's always cheaper to address a radon problem preventively than after the fact," said Health Director Everett Penney, who agreed that there is no "proof positive" of a radon problem prior to substantially completing a construction project. He said his department brought the issue to the attention of the School Building Committee last year in the course of reviewing plans for the schools when the department saw the amount of ledge on the site.

Penney says radon is quite common in Andover.

"We had done a program in 1988 and '89 with residential homes where we made radon test equipment available to people," said Penney. He said participating Andover residents tested their own homes for radon and then submitted the

tests anonymously for evaluation.

"About one third of them were above the (radon level) that the EPA recommends for health protection," said Penney. Radon is measured in picocuries per liter of air, or pCi/l; the safe level recommended by the Environmental Protection Agency is 4 pCi/l.

Penney said that eight of the nine tests conducted by Tuminelli and the construction engineers returned an average radon reading of about 200 pCi/l.

Regarding the seemingly high readings, Penney cautioned that there is no EPA-approved method for ground testing for radon; he said that the method used at the Andover school site is the one suggested by the state health department, and it is only a rough guide. However, he said, the tests gave enough of an indication of risk to warrant preventive measures.

"I would say that this site is no different from any other in Andover," said Penney, adding, "A radon problem is very easily cured or prevented by circulating air."

The mitigation system for the schools will consist basically of ventilating the space under the

buildings.

Said Tuminelli, "What we're doing is we're putting in crushed stone and we're going to put in some piping and were going to have six to eight 'pressure points' to siphon the gas off." He said that the fans for the system will be left out until the buildings are erected and more accurate tests can be taken.

"We're doing the work now that we can't do 15 months from now if we do have a problem," he said.

The current rough estimate for the cost of the system is \$200,000.

"We feel pretty good that the final number won't be that high," said School Building Committee Chairman Mark Johnson. He said the money for the system will come out of contingency funds.

"It's like insurance," said Penney of the system. "The chance you take is that if you don't do anything and you test on the first day of school and it's above the 4 (pCi/l), it could not only be more expensive, it could delay the opening of school."

The state Department of Public Health publishes a radon fact sheet that can be found online at www.state.ma.us/dph/rcp/radonfq.htm.



Photo by Tim Jean

Construction continues — Workers at the new schools site will install a radon mitigation system to assure the safety of the students.

Stroke support group meets today

The Easter Seal Merrimack Valley Stroke Support Group will meet today, Thursday, Jan. 18 at 1:30 p.m. at the Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St.

There will be a demonstration of self-help aids for the disabled. For more information, call stroke support coordinator Paul Chedekel at 475-3298.

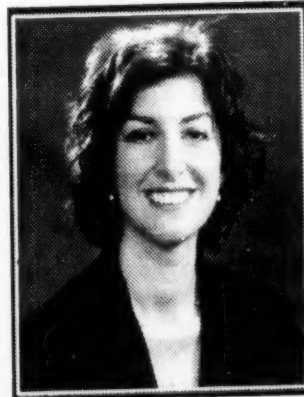
Easter Seal Stroke Support Group members include people who have had strokes, their families and friends.

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Education

Next round of MCAS testing to challenge parents, politicians

By Adam Groff

The next round of MCAS testing in Andover will occur on Saturday, Jan. 27 - but there will be fewer than 50 questions, and the test takers will all be adults.

State Sen. Sue Tucker has put together her "MCAS Challenge" exercise, designed to give Andover parents and community leaders both a taste of the test and a basis for discussion about the exam's appropriateness.



Sue Tucker

This year's tenth-grade students are the first who will have to pass the English and math portions of the MCAS test in order to graduate from high school.

The exercise on the 27th will run from 9 a.m. to noon at the Andover High School cafeteria. According to Jan Burkholder, Tucker's staff director, 12 multiple choice questions have been culled from each of the four sections of last year's tenth-grade MCAS tests: English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Technology, and History and Social Science. Participants will have one hour to complete the test, and they will then score their own answer sheets; results will remain private. There will also be some examples from the test of open-response questions, or those that require written answers, but participants will not actually answer those, according to

Burkholder, because there would be no way to grade them quickly and uniformly. The test will be followed by 45 minutes of facilitated discussion groups.

Members of the Andover School Committee will be taking the sample test, as will representatives from the school committees in the other communities Tucker represents: Dracut, Lawrence, and Tewksbury. If the response to the Andover exercise is positive, Tucker has said she wants to do the same thing in her other districts.

Test candidates lining up

The *Townsmen* spoke to three parents of Andover High School students who plan to participate in the exercise, as well as some of the students themselves, to see what their feelings are prior to the event. They will also be asked afterward for their reactions.



Debra Silberstein

"I've taken a good look at the fourth-grade test, and frankly I thought some of the questions were very difficult," said attorney Debra Silberstein, who is also a Finance Committee member, "so I'll be interested to see the tenth-grade test. I don't have an opinion about it yet. My feeling is that these kids should be learning critical thinking skills, creativity, skills that are transferable in life. I don't know if you can measure that on a

standardized test."

Silberstein and her husband, Don, both plan to take the test. They have three children in Andover public schools, in the third, eighth, and tenth grades.

Their sophomore, Allyson, is skeptical about the value of the exercise.

"I think it's kind of pointless," she said. "People my mom's age aren't going to remember that stuff. I think I would have better things to do if I was my mom. I don't think anyone can judge the test, but people my age who are actually taking it."

She also suggested that making the MCAS a requirement for graduation might lead some of those who fail it to drop out of school. "It'll bring a lot of people down if they fail," she said. "The people that are more likely to fail the test are more likely to drop out of high school if they do fail."

"Another big concern that I have for the MCAS and the tenth-graders is that if some of those kids fail, they might just drop out of high school," agreed Diane Hender. "Maybe not so much in Andover, but even here, there are some kids who are hanging on in school just by their fingernails, especially some of the special needs kids."

Hender, moderator of the Andover Townwide PTO, also plans to participate in the challenge "as long as I get to grade it," she says. Her son is in tenth grade.

"I don't object to the testing procedure in and of itself," she said, echoing a now-familiar strain of public opinion, "but I'm not yet convinced that the test should be the only criteria for gradua-

tion. I think there's a lot more to qualifying a person for going out into the world than whether they can pass an English and a math test."



Diane Hender

"I think it's kind of cool," said her son, Taylor, of the exercise. "I want to see how she rates, see if she does better than me."

Of the MCAS tests themselves, he said, "Personally, I think that they're a good idea, because we need a way to see that all school districts are teach-

ing the same thing, so that people can have equal college access and that kind of thing. It does have some quirks, but until we get something better, I think it's the best thing we have, and we should go with it." As to whether it should determine high-school graduation, he was unsure, but he felt that there should be some incentive for students to perform well on the test. "There should be some reason why you should want to do it and do it well," he said. "The tests aren't designed to fail people, they're designed to see if they're up to par."

Software engineer manager and former Northern Essex Community College math teacher Bruce Earnley of Ballardvale Road is going into the exercise with a bias against standardized tests.

"I generally think that these kind of

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SCHOOL TALK

The Addison Gallery of American Art at Phillips Academy has after-school programs to provide opportunities for children to appreciate art through an interactive museum experience.

After School Art Club is a four-session program featuring weekly art appreciation discussions and hands-on activities related to the museum's current exhibitions:

- *Reinventing the West: The Photographs of Ansel Adams and Robert Adams;*

- *The American Land: Selections from the Addison Collection;* and

- *Foundations: Building the Addison Collection.*

This winter, After School Art Club for 7- to 9-year-olds will meet on Tuesdays, from

Jan. 23 through Feb. 13, from 3:15 to 4:45 p.m. After School Art Club for 10- to 12-year-olds will meet Wednesdays, Jan. 24 through Feb. 14, from 3:15 to 4:45 p.m.

Advanced Art Club will be a three-week workshop: Exploring Light and Landscape through Photography and Painting. Open to students ages 12 to 14 with a keen interest in art, the sessions will be an opportunity to explore landscape through the exhibitions *Reinventing the West* and *The American Land*. Participants will have a chance to use Polaroid photography, graphite and charcoal, and paint to create their own expressive landscapes while experimenting with different means of picture making, from

direct sketching to full abstraction. Advanced Art Club will meet on Thursdays, Feb. 1-15, from 3:15 to 4:45 p.m.

The Addison's after-school programs are free for family members. To reserve a space and sign up for family membership, or for more information, call Jen Mergel at 749-4037.

The Pingree Players announced the cast for the winter musical production of the Tony-award and Pulitzer Prize-winning play, *A Chorus Line*, the longest running show in Broadway history. Fifty-five students, the largest number of participants in the school's history, have started rehearsing for the show. The show will be held March 24 at the

Pingree School, in the Mary Weld Center for the Performing Arts in South Hamilton.

Among those involved with the show are Aaron Nossiff of Andover, who plays the role of Mark.

Merrimack Valley Music Teachers Association presented a winter piano recital Saturday, Dec. 2, at Memorial Hall Library.

Andover teachers presenting students included Jody Brickman, Leslie Kaplan, Linda Shen and Kay Foltz.

Students from Andover were Tebs Maqubela, Martin Serna, Koren Betty, Andrew Hsiao, Benjamin Landy, Amy Tang and Julia Littlefield.

The Merrimack Valley

Music Teachers Association was started in 1978 when five Andover music teachers met to discuss plans for a local chapter of the Massachusetts Music Teachers National Association. The group meets monthly to exchange ideas with other professional musicians.

For more information about MVMTA, call Paulette Theriault, president, at (978) 346-8543.

Phillips Academy will hold its 11th annual Summer Opportunities Fair on Sunday, Feb. 4, from noon to 3 p.m. in the Dining Hall, called "Commons," on Salem Street.

This event provides the community with information

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SCHOOL TALK

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The fair is open to the public with free admission and fair materials. Ample parking is available.

This event is sponsored by the Phillips Academy Summer Opportunities Office and the Merrimack Valley Andover Association, the local parents' organization.

For more information, call the Summer Opportunities Office at 749-4480.

Eighty-one students from the Pike School and seven of their teachers spent this past weekend skiing at Sunday River in Bethel, Maine. This annual excursion for students in grades 7 through 9 has been part of the Pike program for more than 20 years.

Two busloads of skiers

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Some parents in Andover sent holiday greetings to their children's teachers by sending them a holiday card via the Andover Fund for Education (AFE). The AFE sponsored the event this season. In lieu of a traditional gift, parents contributed to AFE and the holiday card was sent to the teacher. Pictured here, from left, are Alberta Sensale, a kindergarten teacher at Shawsheen School, Melissa and Chris Newton, both students at Shawsheen, and their mother, Gail Newton. For more information about AFE, call Bill Kane at 475-5041; or Mary O'Donoghue at 470-3205.

departed from Pike at the close of school on Friday and traveled to the Town & Country Motor Inn in Gorham, N.H. The next two days of skiing at Sunday River were punctuated by a dance on Saturday night with students from other schools. After a day of skiing on Sunday, youngsters returned to Andover on Sunday evening.

For many students the annual ski trip is a highlight of the winter term.

"The kids love it," agreed faculty members Cindy Baggeroer and Tobi Levis, organizers of this year's trip.

Parent to Parent presents: "Talking with Your Kids About Sexuality, Grades 4 to 7" on Wednesday, Jan. 24, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the West Middle School auditorium.

The snow date is Jan. 25.

The speaker series is free and open to the public.

Using her experience and expertise as parent, lecturer and specialist in the field of sexual development, Carol Plotkin, LICSW, will provide parents with a framework within which to understand normal sexual development. In addition, methods for parents to educate and communicate with their children about sexuality will be explored.

Calling all young readers who like detective work...

Young readers, ages 8 to 11, are invited to join Memorial Hall Library's detective club, which will meet on Tuesday evenings.

The club will discuss new

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WHAT'S UP

Youth winter lacrosse season is here

By Glenn Wilson, AYS

The AYS winter lacrosse session began Sunday, Jan. 14 and will continue for six more weeks. Please remember this is the last week to register for the session. It is designed for the beginner to learn the basic skills and fundamentals of lacrosse. Wayne Puglisi, Andover High varsity lacrosse coach, and Todd Zahurak, JV coach, will lead the instruction. There are separate times for 12 & under, 14 & under, and girls

groups. More information and registration is available at the DCS office.

The remaining dates for the session are as follows: Jan. 21 and 28; Feb. 4 and 11; and March 11 and 18.

We need coaches!

We are in need of coaches for AYS Spring Youth Lacrosse. If you have any experience coaching lacrosse or played in college, come on down and give us a hand, we need your help. There will be

a coaches' clinic March 11, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Please call the AYS office if you will be attending. Call 623-8241, or stop by our office on the third floor of Town Offices if you are interested.

► For more information about WHAT'S UP, call Bill Fahey, Andover Youth Services director, or Glenn Wilson, assistant director, at 623-8241; or Jack Grady, Townsmen assistant editor, at 475-7000. E-mail submissions to: jack@andovertownsmen.com

LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Jan. 22-26:

Elementary schools

Monday: Chicken McSchool, slice of pizza with salad, baked chicken nuggets, hash browns, applesauce, brownie, and milk.

Tuesday: Roast turkey dinner, hot dogs on a roll, nachos with cheese, carrots, applesauce, and milk.

Wednesday: Spaghetti and meatballs, mozzarella sticks, baked chicken nuggets, salad, orange, chocolate cake, and milk.

Thursday: Oven baked chicken with mashed potato, french toast with sausage, pizza with salad, corn, apples, and milk. (Lucky Tray Day.)

Friday: Chocolate chip pancakes with sausage, toasted cheese sandwich, baked chicken nuggets, peaches, peas, and milk.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: French toast with sausage, mozzarella sticks, baked chicken nuggets, hash browns, applesauce, and milk.

Tuesday: Roast turkey dinner, two hot dogs on a roll, stuffed crust pizza with salad, carrots, applesauce, brownie, and milk.

Wednesday: Spaghetti and meatballs, mozzarella sticks, baked chicken nuggets, cranberry sauce, corn, and milk.

Thursday: Oven baked chicken with mashed potato, Chicken McSchool, stuffed crust pizza with salad, corn, apples, and milk.

Friday: Steak and cheese sub, nachos with cheese, baked chicken nuggets, peaches, peas, and milk. (Lucky Tray Day.)

Secondary schools

Monday: Baked chicken with mashed potato, rotini with marinara sauce, stuffed crust pizza, carrots, applesauce, chocolate chip cookie, and milk.

Tuesday: Two beefy burritos, spaghetti and meatballs, stuffed crust pizza, corn, peaches, and milk.

Wednesday: Baked macaroni and cheese, rotini with marinara sauce, stuffed crust pizza, salad, fresh fruit, chocolate cake, and milk.

Thursday: Two toasted cheese sandwiches, spaghetti and meatballs, stuffed crust pizza, potato puffs, fresh fruit, and milk.

Friday: Egg McMuffin with cheese, pasta ilio olio, stuffed crust pizza, potato puffs, fresh fruit, and milk.

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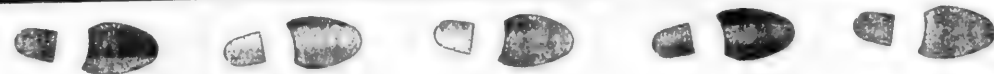


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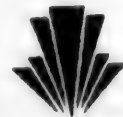


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News

Selectman proposes busing residents from South Main Street site to Ballardvale train station

New approach to railroad parking restrictions

By Rebecca Piro

With commuter parking a serious problem at the Ballardvale rail station, Selectmen Chairman Brian Major hopes that using extra spaces in the Faith Lutheran Church lot on Main Street could be the answer to some commuters' prayers.

Commuter vehicles regularly flood Ballardvale's Mass. Bay Transit Authority station, as well as the Andover station on Railroad Street, says Major. Last month, selectmen turned down the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority's plan to build structured parking at the Andover station on Railroad Street and add approximately 50 spaces to the Ballardvale station, on grounds that the additional parking would bring more traffic into Andover. They said this would exacerbate a problem, rather than relieve one.

Instead, Major wants to use existing spaces in the Faith Lutheran Church lot that he says remain empty every week. Those 50 or 60 additional spaces may be a small step towards solving the overall problem, but it's a place to start, he says.

"During the week, that lot can be used for commuters going to Boston, free of charge," says Major. "Then a shuttle service (could) take people to the train station."

Faith Lutheran pastor John Heydenreich says he is willing to discuss the idea with town officials.

"I think our church would be willing to consider ways that we can help out,"



Photo by Tim Jean

Charlie, on the bus? — Selectman Brian Major has suggested that residents take a bus from a lot at the Faith Lutheran Church to the Ballardvale train station to help solve the parking crunch.

he says, adding that the 10-member church council would make the decision.

However, he estimates that the number of available spaces is only about 20 to 30.

"There are usually spaces available, but there are also a host of organizations that rent space at our church, and we also have church activities," he says. "That puts some limitations on the parking."

The Faith Lutheran lot, one of two that serve the church, is already utilized by Mass. Bay Transit Authority commuters during the week. Years ago,

the town, MBTA and the church built the bigger of the two lots to solve parking problems for all three entities.

"The town paid to do all the planning and engineering work, the state paid for the hot-topping and (we) created a parking lot on the church's parcel of land," says Major.

Church members use the lot for additional parking on the weekends, and MBTA commuters park there to wait for the bus into Boston during the week, he adds.

MVRTA Administrator Joe Costanzo, who first heard about Major's idea through the *Townsmen*, says he is open

to the possibilities. An MVRTA shuttle bus already runs by the Faith Lutheran lot and past the Ballardvale rail station, he says, and adjusting the bus' schedule to coincide with commuters' needs is certainly feasible.

"Our Route 22 (bus) is already going by there," says Costanzo. "It wouldn't cost (the town) anything additional because we're already in the neighborhood."

At the most, commuters might have to pay a \$1 fee to hop on the shuttle to the train station, he adds.

While Major calls the possibility a "win, win, win" situation, some people might question whether commuters will drive to an MBTA bus stop to hop on a bus that will take them to an MBTA station to hop on a train. But Costanzo says some people will go that far to avoid the parking hassle.

"Some people don't mind making the mode switch," he says. "The aggravation of waiting for a parking space is worth the mode switch. (On the other hand,) some people just want to go straight to the train station. (But) if people don't mind making that mode switch, then (why not)?"

The possible 50 to 60 spaces that could be gained through Major's plan is comparable to the number of spaces that MVRTA had proposed to add to Ballardvale last month, says Costanzo.

"I would think that it would take a big chunk of the problem out of the way," says Major. "We (could) start it immediately at very little cost and a minimal operating cost."

No such business currently planned, but they can't be banned

Just in case: Andover forms standards for tattoo parlors

By Adam Groff

The Board of Health plans to develop and present at its February meeting strict regulations for tattooing in Andover, should such a business decide to open.

The state Supreme Judicial Court last year overturned the state ban on tattooing on First Amendment grounds, and now towns may not ban the practice either. The state Department of Public Health has issued model regulations to guide town health boards in regulating the practice.

Although there are currently no applications to open any tattoo parlors in Andover, Health Director Everett Penney has recommended that the board enact regulations proactively.

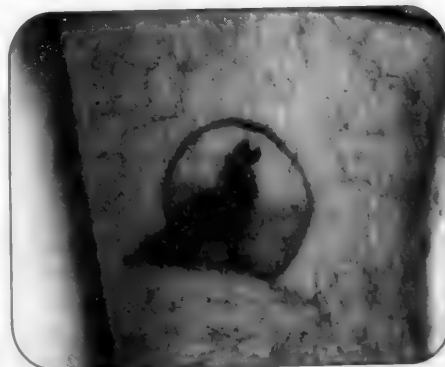
At the board's last meeting, on Jan. 8, Health Board Chairman Douglas Dunbar said, "Let's tighten down on the already strict state model regulations." Other

board members agreed, citing concerns about hepatitis C.

"There's a serious risk of disease transmission when you start sticking needles and dyes in peoples' skin," said Penney. "We want to make sure there's adequate sanitary standards and training of the personnel involved."

Penney cited the board's regulation of massage therapy in town as a similar sort action to regulate a new kind of business. However, while there are national organizations, such as the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork, that provide standards and certification for massage therapists, it is less clear what sort of credentials can be asked of tattoo artists.

"If there is no formal training (available for tattoo artists)," said Penney, "maybe we need to establish some local exam they could take before they go into business, to see that they know basic



Tattoo you? — Health officials are preparing in case a tattoo parlor tries to open in Andover.

things. Like the difference between the dermis and the epidermis — very basic things."

Penney said that when members of the health department approach a new issue like this one, with which the

department has no previous experience, they call on other town health departments that have dealt with the issue. He cited Quincy as a town that has dealt more extensively with tattooing and that he would consider consulting.

Dunbar has also expressed concern about a provision in the zoning bylaws allowing professionals like doctors and dentists to practice in residential areas. Board members expressed a desire to close that option for tattoo artists in Andover, and Penney said that would be possible.

"The problem that we have with (regulating tattooing) is the workload," said Penney. "We'll need to take the time to conduct inspections and enforce standards of sanitation and training."

After considering draft regulations next month, the Board of Health will hold a public hearing on the matter in March.

It looks official for youth center

By Rebecca Piro

The Andover Youth Foundation is the only group in the running for the youth center proposal.

As of 4 p.m. Tuesday, when the town's Request For Proposal for a youth center closed, AYF's application was the only one sitting on the desk of Elaine Shola, town purchasing agent.

November Special Town Meeting allowed town officials to send out a RFP for a youth center to be built with private funds on town land off Ledge Road in West Andover. In accordance with state law, the town submitted the RFP in late December and left it open for 12 weeks, waiting to hear back from any interested parties.

On Tuesday afternoon, AYF

President Larry Larsen hadn't ruled out the possibility of other applicants coming forward, but he was confident with the RFP that the foundation had submitted.

"I don't know of any other applicants, but if there are, God love 'em," he joked.

At 1995 Town Meeting, a similar proposal for a youth center at Recreation Park failed to pass by 63 votes. During the past year, AYF has worked closely with the town to develop architectural plans for a 27 square-foot youth center, and to convince residents that such a facility, behind West Andover Fire Station at the cost of \$4 million, is just what the town needs.

Selectmen Chairman Brian Major says it is likely the town

will award the project to AYF. The foundation has worked with town officials openly and cooperatively from the start, and has agreed to all the town's conditions, he says. "Is it possible that they wouldn't be selected? Yes. Is it probable? No," he says. "We've worked so much with (AYF) to move in this direction that we basically know what they can offer, we know the people we're dealing with. So it's not like we're blind as to this group and what they want to do."

In its proposal, as well as before the Special Town Meeting, AYF agreed to have \$1 million in hand and the remaining funds in pledges before construction starts. AYF hopes to break ground in the spring of 2002.

River Road apartment complex

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level of service at local intersections.

When the time came for resident input, Jeffrey Bowman of Ravens Bluff introduced the PAZ position.

Presenting a petition he said contained over 700 signatures opposing the plan, he said to the board, "We would like you to consider the question, Who benefits from the Avalon petition?" He said that while MacKey stands to make "a quick buck" from the plan, and AvalonBay can "build another high-density apartment complex," Andover residents will suffer from the impact to its school system, wetlands, police and fire departments, traffic flow, and the "historical serenity of West Andover."

"You are charged with protecting the interests of the community against the interests of an outside developer," he told the board.

Richard Edmonds of Bailey Road said that of his many concerns, the one he chose to speak on was the environment. Citing a typical developer's concern for safety in the winter and beautification in the summer, he said that residents can expect water runoff from the development containing "salt, sand, ice-melt, fertilizer, herbicide, fungicide, and insecticide."

Michael Gentile of Ravens Bluff chose to further admonish the board about its mission to uphold zoning regulations. If the board grants a comprehensive permit, he said, "You are bypassing every single zoning law we have. The decision to issue a comprehensive permit is more serious than the decision to exercise eminent domain."

Several residents rejected the results of AvalonBay's traffic study. Said Elizabeth Welsh of River Road, alluding to the current traffic flow from industries at the north end, "River Road is being used as a state highway, it is not being used as a town road, and to do that to the other end is just deplorable."

Not every resident was categorically opposed to the AvalonBay plan, however. Annette Silva-Grams of Corbett Street, a member of the school Redistricting Task Force, said she couldn't understand how either McLaughlin or PAZ arrived at their conclusions about the impact on the education system. Specifically, she took umbrage at the notion that Andover schools might be overcrowded following redistricting.



Photo by Tim Jean

Jeffrey Bowman gives his concerns.

"We're aware of Avalon, and we're analyzing the numbers," she said. "Each school will be at 90-percent capacity" after the redistricting, she added. She invited both parties to contact her regarding the issue.

Robin Cohoon of Marland Street said she was disturbed and offended by some of the PAZ rhetoric, which she called "inflammatory," surrounding transient-apartment residents.

"My kids come home from school and they say 'Guess what, there's a new kid in my class,'" she said. "They don't come home and say 'Oh, there's a new transient student in my class, there goes my education.'"

The Zoning Board of Appeals hearing on the matter will reconvene on March 26.

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Selectmen chairman wants to see fundraiser's report

Senior fundraiser hired, working

By Rebecca Piro

Fundraiser Butcher, Nolan & Briggs has reportedly expressed confidence in Andover seniors' ability to show by July that they can raise about \$4 million dollars to renovate Will Hall into the town's next senior center. But the Friends of Andover Seniors group is not releasing details on how Butcher will help it will accomplish that goal — and how new efforts will differ from the attempts of the past four years.

The Friends met with Butcher, Nolan & Briggs Friday, Dec. 29 for the presentation of the feasibility report on whether the seniors' \$4-million goal was possible. Three weeks later, details concerning the report have not been released publicly. But building committee member Rita Carrier says that the seniors have officially hired Butcher, Nolan & Briggs to see the Will Hall project to fruition.

The town signed a lease in 1999 with Will Hall owner Phillips Academy. The agreement allows the seniors to use Will Hall for the next 30 years, with a possible 10-year extension, for \$1 per year. In exchange the Friends must pay to renovate Will Hall. Since 1996, the seniors have tried to raise the \$4 million needed to renovate Will Hall by July of this year, in accordance with the lease. But less than \$1 million has been raised, including \$500,000 donated by Town Meeting in 1996.

"We did vote that the fundraisers could start," says Carrier. "They are on board, and they are working like mad already. We've had two meetings (with the fundraiser) already. They're enthusiastic."

Enthusiasm is the key to making Will Hall a reality, says Carrier — "you have to have that," she says.

But as for anything concrete — how the fundraising strategy might have changed, or what the strategy is for raising \$4 million at a time when the economy is beginning to slump and another major fundraiser, specifically



Photo by Tim Jean

Banner days — Seniors are geared up to help a professional fundraiser raise \$4 million to turn Will Hall at Phillips into the town's next senior center.

the youth center campaign, is about to start — Carrier wouldn't say.

Robert Zolner, the new chairman of the campaign steering committee, asked the *Townsmen* to be "patient" in waiting for those details. He has asked all members of the committee to refrain from commenting to the press until a reorganization of the committee is complete. Butcher, Nolan & Briggs did not return phone calls; nor has Friends President Doreen Correnti. Carrier says that it is possible that the report will not become public information at all.

"We're (going to use) private funding, so do we even have to make it public?" says Carrier. "It was only a feasibility study. I don't know how that is handled."

But the Board of Selectmen, which has the final say on the future of Will Hall, is still expecting to see a copy of the fundraiser's report land on its desk. Though the Friends is a private group, it is working towards a project that is intended for public use — and the actual lease with Phillips Academy is signed by the town.

"If you are doing a public project like that, why would you hold (the report) and not publicize the information?" says Selectmen Chairman Brian Major, who was informed by the *Townsmen*

that the seniors had hired Butcher. "It would not be in (the seniors') best interest not to show us (the report) because we still have to sign off on whether we continue to move forward with the project."

While Major is unsure whether the seniors are legally obliged to share the report with town officials, he suggests that the report is a public document, because the town contributed money to the project back in 1997. He says that the board has plans to discuss the report at its Jan. 22 meeting.

Major has said more than once that he would like to see the youth-center proposal expand into a community-center concept if the Will Hall option proves impossible.

While a 1998 survey ranked the West Andover location as the second choice for a senior-center site, the Friends are not interested in any options at the West Andover site, says Carrier.

"We want Will Hall, and we don't want anything to do with that West Andover," Carrier says. The seniors have put too much time into the Will Hall effort to turn back now, she adds. "(West Andover) won't serve our purpose. (Will Hall) will serve our needs. We're for Will Hall all the way."

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, Jan. 10 - At 9:18 a.m., a 58-year-old North Andover woman was arrested and charged on a warrant for welfare fraud. She was later released because the warrant should not have been outstanding and her fines were actually paid, said Lt. Thomas Siopes.

Friday, Jan. 12 - At 11:48 a.m., John Petitpas, 44, of 37 Thompson St., Pembroke, was arrested and charged with illegal possession of a Class D substance.

At 1:50 p.m., Earl Ransom, 38, of 282 Lincoln St., Revere, was arrested and charged with driving without a license and insurance and driving after his license plates were revoked.

At 5:31 p.m., Jose Sousa, 47, of 79 Albany St., Brockton, was arrested and charged on a warrant for larceny of materials worth more than \$250.

Saturday, Jan. 13 - At 9:02 a.m., Kerry Gilbert, 24, of 47 Westland St., Methuen, was arrested and charged with larceny of a vehicle or trailer, a second or subsequent offense of driving after her right to drive was revoked and giving an officer a false name during booking. Robert Curran, 24, of 89 Oakland Ave., Methuen, was arrested and charged with larceny of a vehicle or trailer and unarmed robbery.

At 12:21 p.m., Julianne Grassis, 23, of 19 North St., was arrested and charged with assault and battery.

At 12:51 p.m., Todd Furguson, 42, of 94 Main St., North Andover, was arrested and charged with illegal possession of a Class D substance.

Tuesday, Jan. 16 - At 7:11 p.m., Richard Rocha, 25, of 6 Kenneth Road, North Easton, and Jason Bad-

ger, 26, of 92 Foundry St., South Easton, were arrested and charged with illegal possession of a Class D substance.

At 7:46 p.m., Luis Navarro, 18, of 26 Wilson St., Haverhill, was arrested and charged with driving without a license, giving a false name to a police officer, leaving the scene after committing property damage and failing to use care in stopping.

At 9:19 p.m., Jose Luis Soto, 31, of 30 Mozart St., Jamaica Plain, was arrested and charged on a warrant for unpaid motor-vehicle fines.

At 10:51 p.m., David Mastronardi, 20, of 144 Howard St., Reading, and Patrick Libitz, 21, of 49 Wakefield St., Reading, were arrested and charged with illegal possession of a Class D substance.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 10 - At 1:38 p.m., a Judson Road resident reported a duck in the road that was "freezing and very cold." The animal control officer responded to the scene and determined that "the duck appears to be warm enough."

At 5:04 p.m., a Memorial Circle female reported that her 12-year-old son had been struck by another student when he got off the bus.

Thursday, Jan. 11 - At 11:07 a.m., a caller reported a suspicious male that was videotap-

ing at Dunkin' Donuts.

Friday, Jan. 12 - At 2:56 p.m., an employee at Memorial Hall Library reported that she had stepped away from her office for a few minutes to find a male inside with the door shut when she returned. The male stated that he was looking for employment, she said. After he left, the employee checked the area and said that some of her desk drawers and her purse had been disturbed. A responding officer investigated the area.

At 4:10 p.m., a Haverhill Street resident reported that a N.H. registered vehicle was illegally dumping snow off Dufton Road.

Saturday, Jan. 13 - At 1:45 p.m., a caller on North Main Street reported that Bradlees signs were posted on traffic signs in the area. An officer confirmed that there were about 12 signs posted in the snow. The Bradlees manager was notified and he promised to make sure that the signs were removed immediately.

At 3:06 p.m., a male customer at Andover Bank reported that he found an ATM card left in the drive-through. Police are holding the ATM card.

Sunday, Jan. 14 - At 12:36 a.m., an officer responded to a complaint at the Grill 93 that one person had spit on another person.

Tuesday, Jan. 16 - At 6:16

p.m., a male reported that his female friend had called him, stating that she wanted to end her life. The female wanted to go to the hospital and speak with someone from the mental health department, he said. An officer accompanied the female to the hospital.

BREAKS

Tuesday, Jan. 16 - At 1:28 p.m., a propane company making a delivery to a High Plain Road residence reported that the home looked as though it had been broken into. A responding officer said that it appeared to be old damage. The officer was to file.

THEFTS

Thursday, Jan. 11 - At 10:22 a.m., an employee from Friendly's reported that the restaurant's safe was missing \$303. When the employee came back into work the next day, Friday, the money was back in the safe.

Sunday, Jan. 14 - At 3:06 p.m., a Forest Drive resident reported that someone had stolen his mailbox the night before.

Monday, Jan. 15 - At 7:58 a.m., an employee at C.G. Electric reported the theft of some tools from his River Road work site.

At 8:14 a.m., a caller reported that some building materials were stolen from a house under construction on Whittemore Terrace. A responding officer determined that 50 sheets of plywood were

taken.

Tuesday, Jan. 16 - At 9:58 a.m., a Howell Drive resident reported a possible theft at his residence that took place Sunday.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Thursday, Jan. 11 - At 7:08 a.m., police received numerous phone calls about the railroad gates on Essex Street that were stuck down, preventing traffic from passing through. Police called Amtrak, who appeared on the scene to fix the problem.

Friday, Jan. 12 - At 7:21 a.m., a caller reported that a school bus was stranded on the side of Greenwood Road. Another school bus picked up the children stuck on the bus and Elm Street Automotive towed the bus away.

Sunday, Jan. 14 - At 2:45 p.m., a Pendant Court resident reported that his license plate was missing.

Tuesday, Jan. 16 - At 8 p.m., a Crescent Drive resident reported that his vehicle had been broken into and his stereo was taken.

ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 10 - At 7:58 a.m., a female reported that her car had been hit by a school bus that morning. No one was injured. When she tried to approach the bus driver, he closed the door and drove away, she said.

At 2 p.m., a one-car accident happened in a parking lot on Tech

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POLICE LOG

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Drive. The operator was treated for injuries.

Thursday, Jan. 11 - At 2:50 p.m., a caller reported a two-car accident on Phillips Street. The caller said there were no injuries, but police dispatched an ambulance to check on the drivers.

Friday, Jan. 12 - At 7:26 a.m., two cars were involved in an accident on North Main Street. An ambulance treated the injured parties.

At 11:51 a.m., four cars were involved in an accident in front of Woodworth Motors on Main Street. Only one vehicle was towed away. An ambulance trans-

ported injured parties to the hospital.

Saturday, Jan. 13 - At 11:09 a.m., two cars were in an accident on Greenwood Road after one vehicle failed to give the other the right of way. An ambulance responded to treat the injured parties.

At 1:10 p.m., one person was injured when his or her car struck a tree outside the YMCA on Haverhill Street. An ambulance transported that person to the hospital.

VANDALISM

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Andover's smallest warrant in years

By Rebecca Piro

The annual Town Meeting warrant closes tomorrow, Friday, but as of *Townsmen* presstime Wednesday, Town Clerk Randy Hanson had stamped and approved only three private warrant articles.

Interest in the annual town election isn't much stronger. Nominations for the elective offices expiring this year are few in number, and the last day to submit nominations is Tuesday, Feb. 6.

The nominations for the two open selectmen positions and the town moderator position have not changed as of two weeks ago, says Hanson. Incumbent Selectman John Hess, whose term expires this spring, and resident Tim McCarron returned nomination papers for the two selectmen's positions. Selectman Lori Becker has not picked up nomination papers, and John Doherty, incumbent town moderator, returned his papers, says Hanson.

The latest private warrant article, submitted by Atty. Mark Johnson for an unnamed client, calls for a land use change for a property located between 25 and 35 River Road. Johnson says that his client wants to rezone about 200 feet, from residential to industrial, as an access to the industrial land directly behind it. The client hopes to use that land to develop office space, he adds.

The other two private articles - a street acceptance for Smithshire Estates and a



Photo by Tim Jean

Zooming onto warrant - A motor scooter bylaw will be among the issues discussed at Annual Town Meeting in April.

request to keep the warrant open longer from resident Dennis Teves - were submitted weeks ago.

Hanson says she usually has around 20 private warrant articles, and at least seven or eight of them are street acceptances. For the first time this year, however, street acceptances will be grouped together under one article to reduce the number of articles.

In terms of public articles, the general government's contribution to the warrant is unusually low as well. As of last week, the Board of Selectmen mulled over approximately 17 possible warrant articles, specifically avoiding major capital projects, because the town is already busy with the sewers, safety-center and new-

schools construction. Significant items on the public article list include Capital Improvement Plan projects, such as purchase of the Reichhold Chemical property for \$3.3 to \$3.6 million and the more routine purchases such as vehicle replacements and general maintenance; an extended ban on smoking in restaurants; a motor scooter bylaw; and permission to hold future Town Meetings out of town if attendance is too high.

Hanson expects residents to drop off at least a few more private articles before the warrant closes tomorrow, Friday. Some residents have taken out papers for articles, which require the signatures of 10 registered voters, but have not yet returned them, she says.

Don't return pages, calls, say companies, police 809 area code doing a number

Don't trust phone messages that ask you to call an 809 area code, say AT&T representatives.

The phone company is warning residents all over the country to be wary of unusual phone messages because they could be part of a phone scam that is reportedly cheating people out thousands of dollars.

Andover residents have not reported any cases in town, says Lt. Jim Hashem. But victims elsewhere have received messages on their pagers or answering machines, asking them to call an 809 number for information regarding a friend who was injured or arrested, or to claim a prize, says AT&T.

"People are being paged with the 809 area code, (they are) calling that number, (and then) receiving extraordinary charges for that call," says Chris Bean, Verizon regional director of public affairs.

A person who returns that call from the US

is charged \$2,425 per minute. The scam can cost a person \$24,100 or more, AT&T warns.

Because the 809 area code, located in the Bahamas, is not covered by US regulations, the carrier responsible is not required to warn a customer of charges and rates. People who do actually call the 809 number will likely be responsible for the high charges, says AT&T.

If an Andover resident receives such a message, that person should disregard the 809 number and report the incident to the police, says Hashem.

Bean suggests that residents targeted by the scam contact the Federal Communications Commission to report the incident. "(The FCC) would stand up for the citizens and not allow for such an extreme charge," says Bean. The FCC's Web page contains more information on the scam as well, he adds.

- Rebecca Piro

Arts & Entertainment

European comedy-theater-style on tap at PA

By Judy Wakefield

This comedy-theater group describes its approach to the stage as "dances made from scratch."

A reviewer once called them "snortingly funny and deliciously inventive."

And, after Phillips Academy senior Natalie Wombwell of Andover worked with these dancers in a workshop last year, she felt "more aware of how I act in every day life."

"I discovered something in myself. I am more creative in my every day life and I realized it's not so hard," said Natalie, 18.

That's a great feeling for Natalie, a serious dancer who plans to head to the big lights of New York City after graduation. Working with the comedy-theater group Hoipolloi was a great experience for her.

She was among some 20 Phillips students in Judy Wombwell's dance class who took part in a workshop



Natalie Wombwell



Photos by Tim Jean

Winging it — Trond Erik Vasstao of Norway (left) and Shon Dale-Jones of Wales, members of Hoipolloi.

with two members of Hoipolloi earlier this week. Shon Dale-Jones of Wales and Trond Erik Vasstao of Norway also spent a couple of hours in the ballet studio at Phillips with the dance class.

They were on campus because Hoipolloi presents an original comedy entitled *Sweet Bababola* tonight, Thursday, Jan. 18 and tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 19, at Phillips' Tang Theatre.

"We wanted to make our own theater and that's what we've done," said Dale-Jones who founded the troupe seven years ago with his wife, Steffi.

Hoipolloi has a strong European following and has attract-

ed attention for its madcap sense of humor and exciting style. They have performed all over the world, including Belgium, Holland, Germany, and the Philippines.

"We're very informal," said Dale-Jones, noting that the name Hoipolloi comes from a Greek phrase meaning "the masses, the many."

"We are theater for the people," he said, making clear that a tightly-scripted performance is a no-go. Rather, improvisation rules his dance approach.

Dale-Jones was tight-lipped about what the audience can expect at *Sweet Bababola*. It's "utterly unordinary" as the

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DETAILS

► **WHAT:** *Sweet Bababola*, an original comedy by Hoipolloi.

► **WHEN:** Thursday, Jan. 18, Friday, Jan. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

► **COST:** \$5, free with a Phillips Academy ID; tickets available 90 minutes before the show.

► **WHERE:** Tang Theatre, George Washington Hall, off Chapel Avenue, Phillips Academy campus.

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JAN. 18

"What a Weapon is the Ballot!" with music historians Jim and Maggi Dalton, 7 p.m., Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; 475-2236.

Reception to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with address by Rev. Ray Hammond, 6 p.m., \$15, Merrimack College, Cascia Hall; 837-5000, Ext. 4448.

Village Garden Club meeting, 1

◀ **Chad Jam 2001 — "What A Weapon Is the Ballot! Political Campaign Songs from Washington to Nixon"** tonight, Thursday, Jan. 18 at 7 at the Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St. As we get ready to inaugurate another president, join musicians Jim and Maggi Dalton (at left) and visit the sounds, issues, scandals and mayhem of the past 200 years of American political infighting. You can even bring your own chads — they promise to care. Call 475-2236 for more information on the concert.



p.m., at Micki Deyoreo's home; Barbara Driscoll <TBDrisc@aol.com>.

FRIDAY, JAN. 19

French music concert, featuring Phillips Academy faculty member Laura Teplitsky on piano and guest artist Andrei Sobchenko, alto saxophone, 7:30 p.m., free, Timken room, Graves Hall, Phillips Academy; 749-4995.

Live comedy, Steve Sweeney, Jeff Meisler, Bari Lee, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8068.

Live comedy, Rocco and Rosie's Wedding, 9 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

SATURDAY, JAN. 20

Essex Symphony concert, 8 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merri-

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US Air Force Band concert is Feb. 2

The Town of Andover Patriotic Holiday and Korean War Commemorative Committees announced that the United States Air Force Band of Liberty will appear in concert at the Collins Center at Andover High School on Friday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are free and may be obtained at the Veterans Services Office at town offices, or by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope specifying the number of tickets (limit of 4) to: USAF Band concert, Veterans Services Office, 36 Bartlet St., Andover, 01810.

The band will be joined by several Andover High School musicians during the concert. The doors will open at 6:15 p.m. and all attendees must be seated by 6:45 p.m. Handicapped access/seating is available. Call John Doherty at 623-8218.

Royal Vic Opera returns to Library

The Royal Victorian Opera Company will return to Memorial Hall Library on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 21 at 3 p.m. The program is called "O rare Gilbert and Sullivan!" and consists of works — both familiar and little known — as interpreted by a female vocal ensemble. A feature of the afternoon will be a reduced version of Gilbert & Sullivan's 1884 opera, *Princess Ida*, in which soprano Tonja King will take the title role. King is familiar to the Andover audience, having played Yum Yum in last year's mini-*Mikado*.



Susan Thomas

Prince Hilarion will be played by soprano Jennifer Harney, who created the role of the glamorous young wife Helene in the Royal Vic's spring production of Schubert's opera, *The Conspirators*. Two other young men of the court will be played by mezzo-sopranos Susan Thomas and Emily Czarnecki. Thomas has a graduate degree from New England Conservatory, with leading roles in several operas there, including *The Barber of Seville*, *The Marriage of Figaro*, and *Così fan tutte*. Czarnecki is on the staff at New England Conservatory; her performing experience includes roles in *Gianni Schicchi*, *Albert Herring*, and *Falstaff*.



Emily Czarnecki

Essex Symphony Orchestra coming to the Rogers Center

Essex Symphony Orchestra comes to the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College on Saturday, Jan. 20. The concert starts at 8 p.m. Pianist and teacher Jeanne Davis Porter of Andover said the orchestra is "an outstanding, all-professional symphony orchestra directed by the very talented conductor Ian Carter White." "When we heard the opening concert of the 2000-01 season, it was a remarkable evening," she said.

Opening night was held last month at the Town House and selections included an all-strings concert of music by Samuel Barber, Claude Debussy, Igor Stravinsky, Edward Elgar and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

A spring concert is also planned for Friday, May 18 at 8 p.m. Call the Rogers Center at 837-5355.

EVENTS CALENDAR LISTINGS

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mack College; 837-5000.
Concert, Jess Klein, 8 p.m., \$12, New Moon Coffeehouse, Jct. Rtes. 110&125, Haverhill; (978) 373-9259. ▶

Folk concert, featuring Richie Havens, 8 p.m., \$21, \$25, Stoneham Theatre & Ensemble, Stoneham Square, 395 Main St., Stoneham; (781) 279-2200.

Piano, violin, cello concert, free, 8 p.m., sponsored by the Friends of the Reading Public Library, Reading Public Library, 64



Jess Klein

Middlesex St., Reading; Rusty Palumbo (781) 944-2017.
Festival of Funny

Songwriters, 7 p.m., \$16.50-\$18.50, Somerville Theater, Davis Square, Somerville; (617) 931-2000.

Live comedy, Steve Sweeney, Jeff Meisler, Bari Lee, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

Live comedy, Johnny Rizzo, Paul Gilligan, Mark Riley, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

SUNDAY, JAN. 21

Open house, 1 p.m., featuring mini-lectures on spirit drawings, contemporary Shamanism and hypnosis for health, Circles of Wisdom Metaphysical Bookstore, 90 Main St.; Cathy Levine 474-8010.

Hike or cross-country ski, sponsored by the Andover AMC chapter, Merrimack River trail, meet at 1:30 p.m. at Agilent sign, Minuteman Drive; Fred Snell 686-3647 <fsnell@media-one.net>.

Opera concert, Royal Victorian Opera Com-

pany, 3 p.m., Memorial Hall Library; Norma Gammon 623-8401, Ext. 49.

Open house, 2-4 p.m., Clark School for Creative Learning, 487 Locust St., Danvers; (978) 777-4699.

Swing concert, featuring Biggest Little Band, 8 p.m., \$21, \$25, Stoneham Theatre & Ensemble, Stoneham Square, 395 Main St., Stoneham; (781) 279-2200.

MONDAY, JAN. 22

Mini health clinic for seniors, 1-2 p.m., Frye Circle, sponsored by Andover Board of Health; 623-8320.

Book discussion,

American Sphinx by Joseph Ellis, 10:30 a.m., Memorial Hall Library; 623-8400.

Ghost stories of New England, 7:30 p.m., \$5, Essex Agricultural School, Smith Hall, Rte. 62, Middleton; Dan Tremblay (978) 777-2711.

TUESDAY, JAN. 23

Successful professional writing seminar, featuring Dr. Paul H. Wender, one of the fathers of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, 7:30 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, upper level; Henry Everett 683-5654.

Jazz, The Chris Neville

Trio, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5 cover, Casa Vecchia, Rte. 97, Salem, N.H.; (603) 893-6553.

Open house, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Solomon Schechter Day School of the Merrimack Valley, 514 Main St., Haverhill; (978) 372-4140.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24

Parent-to-Parent workshop, *Talking with your Kids about Sexuality*, for parents of students in grades 4-7, 7:30 to 9 p.m., free, West Middle School auditorium; Barbara Jezak 474-0387.

Student competition night, Merrimack Valley Camera Club, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover; 689-9643.

Open house, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Solomon Schechter Day School of the Merrimack Valley, see Jan. 23 entry.

THURSDAY, JAN. 25

No events scheduled.

FRIDAY, JAN. 26

Live comedy, Paul Nardizzi, Paul Keenan, Brian Apprille, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

Live comedy, Mike Donovan, Dve Russo, Jesse Gersten, 8, 10:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

SATURDAY, JAN. 27

Sock hop, 6:30-9 p.m., \$15 non-member families, YMCA, 165 Haverhill St.; 685-3541.

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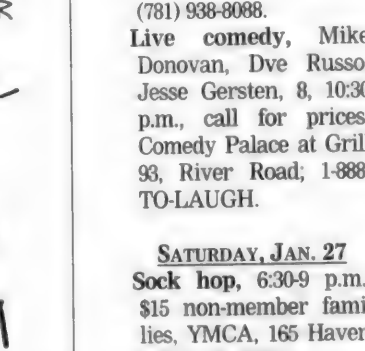
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EVENTS CALENDAR LISTINGS

Concert, Concord Orchestra, featuring Andover High senior Lorna Tsai as violin soloist, 8 p.m., \$12-\$15, 51 Walden, Concord; (978) 369-4967.

Perks Dance Music Theatre performance, 8 p.m., \$20 door, \$18 advance, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College; 837-5355.

Contra dance with caller Tony Saletan, presented by The Ivy Chord, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5 per person, \$15 per family, Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, 239 Woburn St., Reading; (781) 944-0494.

Concert, featuring classical guitarist Carlton Kish, 7:30 p.m., freewill offering, Universalist Unitarian Church, Haverhill; (978) 774-1050, Ext. 376.

Bean supper, 4-6:30 p.m., \$4 adults, \$2 children under 12, Sacred Heart Parish, 321 So. Broadway, Lawrence; Irene 686-5712.

Live comedy, Paul Nardizzi, Paul Keenan, Brian Apprille, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

Live comedy, Mike Donovan, Dave Russo, Jesse Gersten, 8, 10:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

SUNDAY, JAN. 28

Hike or cross-country ski, with annual outdoor breakfast of hot drinks and doughnuts, sponsored by AVIS and the Andover AMC chapter, Harold Rafton Reservation, meet at 10 a.m., at parking lot off High Plain Road at top of Bald Hill, suitable for all ages; David Dargie 454-1206.

Author readings, celebrating new exhibit of writing and art by local writers, 2-4 p.m., free admission, Whistler House Museum, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; (978) 452-7641.

Artists reception, 2-4 p.m., featuring art works by students from Washington School of Lowell, Brush Art Gallery, 256 Market St., Lowell; (978) 459-7819.



Hoipolloi

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plot involves two alien bakers threatening to overtake the world with their irresistible cakes is the beginning and end of his description.

"That's all we will say," laughed Vasstao.

"It's a genuine event with audience participation," added Dale-Jones.

Tight-lipped or not, Mark Efinger of the theater and dance department at Phillips was clearly thrilled with the duo's visit to campus.

"To have performers working with the kids, not just doing a show, is great," he said.

He is hoping to have Hoipolloi dancers work with some Andover High School students later this month.



Photos by Tim Jean

Playing — Above, theater students at Phillips Academy learn to be spontaneous with a game of tag. Above left, Shon Dale-Jones of Hoipolloi leads students in a workshop Tuesday.

Owls talk, set for Feb. 1, should be a real hoot

The Shawsheen River Watershed Association and Eyes On Owls will present "Who's Watching You? Owls of New England" on Thursday, Feb. 1 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Tewksbury Public Library.

This is a live owl program. Naturalist Marcia Wilson will share her passion for owls. These secretive birds are specially-adapted for living in some of New England's most diverse environments. Learn how to find owls without disturbing them. Get close to several live owls. Learn owl calls in a hooting lesson.

Admission is free but space is limited. Attendees are asked to be prompt. The Tewksbury Public Library is located at the intersection of Route 38 and Chandler Street.

For more information call 851-9505, or visit <www.shawsheen.org>.

19th century French music spotlights saxophone, piano

Phillips Academy will present a program of 19th century French music originally composed or transcribed for saxophone and piano.

The featured performers are music faculty member Laura Teplitzky, piano and guest artist Andrei Sobchenko, alto saxophone. The concert will be held Friday, Jan. 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Timken Room in Graves Hall on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St. Graves Hall is handicapped accessible.

The program will include *L'Age d'Or* by Jacques Ibert, *Tableaux de Provence* by Paule Maurice, *Dances Exotiques* by Jean Francaix, Massenet's *Meditation* from *Thais* transcribed by John Worley, Ravel's *Piece en Forme de Habanera* transcribed by Viard, and *Scaramouche* by Darius Milhaud. This concert is free of charge and open to the public. Additional information may be obtained by calling 749-4995.

Alto saxophonist Andrei Sobchenko, a native of Russia, holds performance degrees from Moscow's Gnesin Institute of Music where he studied with Margarita Shaposhnikova, and Boston University where he studied with Kenneth Radnofsky. Sobchenko has appeared as soloist throughout Europe and in the United States and has been a member of the Moscow Philharmonic, the USSR State Symphony, the Bolshoi Theatre Concert Band, and he was the principal saxophonist with the Russian Federation Concert Band.

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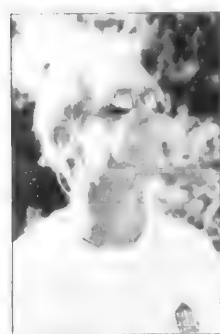
Living

Address change this Sunday for PA's Pearson farmhouse

By Adam Groff

If the weather cooperates, the Pearson farmhouse is all set to change its address from 254 to 305 South Main St. early Sunday morning.

The 1860s farmhouse is already in two pieces, and the foundation at the new lot was laid on Monday. Developer David Barrett of Barrett Homes



David Barrett: "We're on course."

in Wilmington has dotted all of his i's and crossed all his t's, including coordinating with the Massachusetts Highway Department, Phillips Academy, Mass Electric, Verizon, the Andover police and fire departments, and the neighbors about the move.

"We're on course," said Barrett.

The house has literally been sawed in two, and the pieces will be hoisted onto trucks that will move about a half mile down South Main starting at 7



Photos by Tim Jean

Good to go — The old farmhouse at 254 South Main St. was up on blocks Tuesday, ready for transport.

a.m. Telephone and electric lines crossing the road will be disconnected and then reattached as the trucks pass, and service will be interrupted at certain homes along the street for perhaps half an hour, said Barrett.

He said he will have an electrician and a plumber, as well as two generators, on hand to minimize disruption during



305 South Main St., the new site for the Pearson farmhouse, gets a fresh infusion of cement (at upper left) piped in from the truck (at upper right).

the move. He is also hiring five police officers to handle the traffic detour.

"There will be several people there to make sure that everybody's back together when it's all said and done," said Barrett. He expects the street to be closed for no more than two hours.

One possible fly in the ointment on Sunday will be the

weather. The police department has required, among other things, that the temperature be at least 20 degrees Fahrenheit before the move begins.

"Because there are going to be power outages," said Safety Officer Robert Cronin of the restriction, "we were concerned that if it was going to be very cold out, elderly people or

ill people might be adversely affected. The worst-case scenario is that one of the trucks moving the house breaks down, and now we can't reconnect a house for several hours. But if everything goes as planned, it will be a very short interruption."

Cronin also said that only about a dozen houses will be affected by the move. In case of inclement weather, alternate dates for the move are Jan. 28 and Feb. 4. The highway department has required that the move take

place on a Sunday morning.

"I welcome the Pearson farm," said Mark O'Malley of 301 South Main St. at the Jan. 8 Board of Selectmen meeting at which the move was approved. His property abuts the farm's future resting place. "I think it will be a terrific addition to the neighborhood," he said.

"It seems as though the pro-

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NEWS FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Here are some of the activities planned at the Andover Senior Center:

Computer Registration: Registration for the winter semester of computer classes will take place at the center Friday, Jan. 19 at 1:30 p.m. A listing and description of course offerings is available at the center.

Men's Breakfast: Naturalist David Brown will be the guest speaker at this month's men's breakfast scheduled for Friday, Jan. 19 at 8:30 a.m. Dave's topic will be eco-tracking and the program will consist of slides, video, casts, lecture, and questions and answers. Come and find out some of the surprising facts about wildlife in suburbia. Reservations are \$3 and may be made by calling the center.

Needleart Class Begins: A

new 10-week session of our needleart class will get underway Monday, Jan. 22 at 1:45 p.m. Instruction in all aspects of creative hand crafts is offered under the direction of Carolyn Mattedi. Bring your own project to work on, or let the instructor help you choose one. Cost is \$25. One may register at the center, or call Carolyn at 470-0357 for further information.

Oil Painting Demonstration: Well-known Merrimack Valley artist Sylvana Siudut will offer an oil-painting demonstration on still life at the center Tuesday, Jan. 23 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sylvana is an award winning artist and the founder of the Arts Institute Group of the Merrimack Valley. Anyone who enjoys watching an artist at work is welcome to make a reservation to attend. Cost is \$5.

Fix-It Shop: Our fix-it shop volunteers will again be on hand on Tuesday, Jan. 23 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. for anything that might need a little repair.

Brown Bag Lunch/Lecture: Come join Erv and Carol Livingston for a fascinating tour of Mainland China on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at noon. Cost is \$2, and advance reservations would be appreciated. Bring a bag lunch - we'll supply dessert and beverages.

Movie Matinee: On Monday, Jan. 22 at 1 p.m. we will show the recent hit *Keeping the Faith*. This heartwarming and humorous story centers on a love triangle involving two longtime best friends. Andover Video supports our movie days.

Service Opportunity: On Thursday, Jan. 25 we will be touring both the Lazarus House and Good Shepherd

Mission in Lawrence to see what service opportunities are available at these two very worthwhile locations. We hope to develop some intergenerational efforts with Merrimack College students who are already active at both places. We will carpool from the center at 9 a.m. Call Pat at the center if you would like to join us.

Museum Trip: We are currently accepting reservations for our Jan. 31 trip to the Peabody Essex Museum to enjoy a guided tour of the Frank Benson exhibit as well as explore the museum's other diverse collections. Following the museum we will have lunch at Victoria Station Restaurant, where you may order off the menu. Cost of the trip (museum and transportation) is \$18. Reservations may be made by stopping into the center.

Cribbage Tournament: The center will sponsor a cribbage tournament on three consecutive Mondays beginning on Jan. 29 at 1:30 p.m. No charge; round robin play. Just call the center to register or call Harry Bedell with questions at 475-2204.

Supper Club: Everyone's invited to join us Wednesday, Jan. 31 when our supper club group will head out to enjoy eating together at the Merrimack Restaurant at the Andover Wyndham. Cost is \$15 inclusive, and menu selections are available at the center. Newcomers, singles or couples invited to participate at any time.

Five Wishes Forum: We encourage all seniors and interested members of the community to join us for an important forum on Friday,

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ENGAGEMENTS



**Mark Alan Cutler and
Melanie Ann McGarry**

McGarry-Cutler

William and Penny McGarry of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Melanie Ann McGarry, to Mark Alan Cutler, son of Charlie and Phyllis Cutler, formerly of Andover.

Ms. McGarry is a 1994 graduate of Andover High School and a 1998 graduate of Bates College. She is the editor of an environmental business newsletter at EDR Inc. in Southport, Conn.

Mr. Cutler is a 1994 graduate of Andover High School and a 1998 graduate of St. Lawrence University.

He is a Spanish teacher and the chair of modern foreign languages at the Hopkins School in New Haven, Conn.

The couple plan a June wedding.



**Elizabeth L. Block and
Seth R. Friedman**

Block-Friedman

Judith and Michael Block of Newton, and formerly of Andover, announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth L. Block, to Seth R. Friedman, son of Lisa and Robert Friedman of Harrington Park, N.J.

Ms. Block is a 1990 graduate of Andover High School and she also graduated from George Washington University in 1994 where she majored in English and art history. She lives in New York City and is the product copy editor at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and is currently attending Columbia University.

Mr. Friedman graduated from Union College in 1994. He is an account director at Modern Media in New York City.

The couple, who were engaged at Versailles in France, plan a May wedding.

Wanamaker-Vining

James and Kristine Wanamaker of Watertown, N.Y. announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Marie Wanamaker, to Bert Richard Vining, son of David Vining of Andover and the late Norma Vining.

Ms. Wanamaker is a graduate of Watertown, N.Y. High School and St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vt. She is employed as a clinical data manager at Parexel International in Waltham.

Mr. Vining is a 1993 graduate of Andover High School and also graduated from St. Michael's College. He is a business/computer teacher at Lynnfield High School where he also serves as adviser to the freshman class and the ski club.

The couple plan a June wedding.

◀ **Amy Wanamaker and
Bert Vining**



Happy 1st Birthday policy

► Babies celebrating their first birthdays, affiliated with Andover, may have their pictures in the *Townsmen* free. They will appear in the issue dated the last Thursday of the month, in the month of baby's first birthday. All babies born January 2000, having a first birthday this month, will be published in the Jan. 25 issue. All photos must be received by 5 p.m. tomorrow, Jan. 19. The *Townsmen* publishes Births on the first Thursday of the month. They will run again Feb. 1.



**Patricia Mary Asselin and
Daniel F. Ferris IV**

Asselin-Ferris

Mr. and Mrs. Clancy P. Asselin of Nahant and Jackson, N.H. announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Mary Asselin, to Daniel F. Ferris IV, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. Ferris III of Andover.

Ms. Asselin is a graduate of Pingree School and the UMass Amherst. She is employed by Westfield Capitol.

Mr. Ferris is a graduate of Andover High School and UMass Amherst. He is employed by Ferris Tree Service, Andover.

The couple plan a June wedding.



**Frank Rapisardi and
Julie Weissman**

Weissman-Rapisardi

Julie Weissman of Wellesley and Frank Rapisardi of Hampton, N.H., announce their engagement.

Ms. Weissman is a paralegal with the law firm of Nora Daniels of Needham.

Mr. Rapisardi is a teacher in the Andover public schools.

The couple plan a June wedding.

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Lynaugh-Schaake

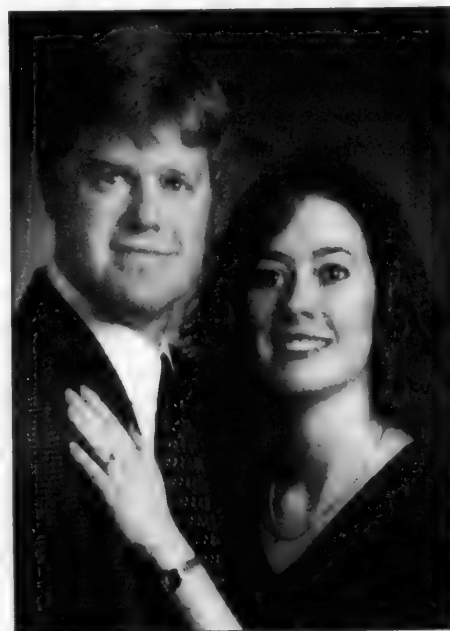
Richard and Donna Lynaugh of Johnstown, N.Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Vicki Lynaugh, to Geoff Schaake, son of Paul and Glenda Schaake of Andover.

Ms. Lynaugh is a 1991 graduate of Johnstown High School and a 1995 graduate of Hartwick College. She is the annual giving assistant for Empire State College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Mr. Schaake is a 1991 graduate of Andover High School and a 1996 graduate of Hartwick College. He works for the *Times Union* newspaper of Albany, N.Y., as an advertising and marketing consultant.

The couple plan a May wedding.

◀ **Geoff Schaake and
Vicki Lynaugh**



Fowble-Gibson

Mr. and Mrs. A.D. "Sandy" Gibson Jr. of Andover announce the engagement of their son, Steven Hinman Gibson, to Donna Marlene Fowble of Waltham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene H. Fowble of Southbridge.

Mr. Gibson is a 1982 graduate of Andover High School and 1987 graduate of UMass Boston. He also earned masters degrees from the University of Virginia and UMass Boston. He is a high school history teacher in Walpole.

Ms. Fowble is a 1985 graduate of Southbridge High School and 1989 graduate of Wheelock College, Boston. She is an administrative manager at Boston Medical Center.

The couple plan an April wedding.

◀ **Donna Fowble and
Steven Gibson**



OBITUARIES

Hedwig M. Ratyna Accomplished musician

Hedwig M. (Wozniak) Ratyna, 90, of Andover, died Saturday, Jan. 13 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Born in Lowell, Mrs. Ratyna retired from Tyer Rubber Co. in 1965. An accomplished musician, she had played with the Boston Pops.

Mrs. Ratyna was a member of St. Augustine Church.

She was the widow of Anthony Ratyna.

Members of her family include two sons and their wives, Joseph and Sally Ratyna of Newtown, Conn., and Edward and Susan Ratyna of Andover; a daughter, Frances and husband Leo McNamara of West Hills, Calif.; brothers, Frank Wozniak of Dracut and Ben Wozniak of Florida; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Burke

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Memorial contributions may be made to the Jimmy Fund, c/o Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney St., Boston, MA 02115.

Katharine T. Becker Retired secretary

Katharine T. (Tweddell) Becker, 75, formerly of North Andover, died Wednesday, Jan. 10 at Academy Manor Nursing Home.

She was born in New York City.

Mrs. Becker was a secretary in Hudson, N.Y., and for several companies in Greater Lawrence. She volunteered at the Y-Teens in Hudson and conducted an after-school crafts and recreational program in Hudson.

She was the widow of Paul Becker.

Members of her family include a sister, Margaret Roedder of Gloucester; and two nieces.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover.

OBITUARIES

Katharine T. Becker, 75

Doris L. Emmons, 79

Herbert Finbury, 85

Abbott S. Galaher, 88

Samuel Levine, 80

Idalena L. Jaskolka, 79

Clovis Michaud, 75

Hedwig M. Ratyna, 90

Julia Tessein, 83

Robert O. Valliere, 84

Deaths Elsewhere

EMMONS - Doris L. (Rushforth) Emmons, 79, of Methuen, died Wednesday, Jan. 10 at Mariner Health Care. Mrs. Emmons was a member of the Andover Choral Society for 50 years.

FINBURY - Herbert Finbury, 85, of Haverhill, died Saturday, Jan. 13 at home. Members of his family include his son and daughter-in-law, John Finbury and Patty Brayden of Andover.

GALAHER - Abbott S. Galaher, 88, of North Andover, died Thursday, Jan. 11 at Lawrence General Hospital. An avid golfer, Mr. Galaher won the club championship for two consecutive years at the Andover Country Club.

JASKOLKA - Idalena L. Jaskolka, 79, of Newbury, died Wednesday, Jan. 10 at Anna Jaques Hospital. Mrs. Jaskolka worked at Raytheon for more than 25 years before she retired in 1985.

LEVINE - Samuel "Sam" Levine, 80, of Delray Beach, Fla. and Salem, N.H., died Saturday, Jan. 13.

Members of his family include his daughter and son-in-law, Ronnie and Robert Pisco and grandson, Joshua Pisco, all of Andover.

MICHAUD - Clovis Michaud, 75, of Lawrence, died Wednesday, Jan. 10 at MI Nursing & Restorative Center. Members of his family include his daughter, Linda Michaud of Andover.

TESSEIN - Julia (Fischer) Tessein, 83, of Sandwich, died Thursday, Jan. 4 in Hyannis.

Members of her family include her granddaughter, Caren Harris of Andover.

VALLIERE - Robert O. Valliere, 84, of Randolph, Maine, and formerly of Methuen, died Tuesday, Jan. 9 in Portland, Maine.

Mr. Valliere worked in maintenance at Raytheon Corp. in Andover.

Memorial service for Dr. Cotton is Sunday

A memorial service for the late Dr. Richard Sumner Cotton of Boxford will be held Sunday, Jan. 21 at 2 p.m. at West Parish Congregational Church, 129 Reservation Road.

Dr. Cotton, a partner at Andover Podiatry, died Dec. 28 while in Ecuador.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pine Street Inn, 444 Harrison Ave., Boston, MA 02118.

OBITUARIES

The *Townsmen* will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover.

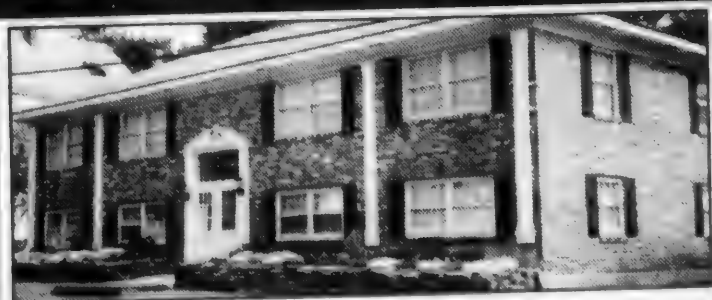
Those who wish to have a complete obituary published about a person who did not live in Andover can pay for a death notice. The cost of a death notice depends on the length of the notice.

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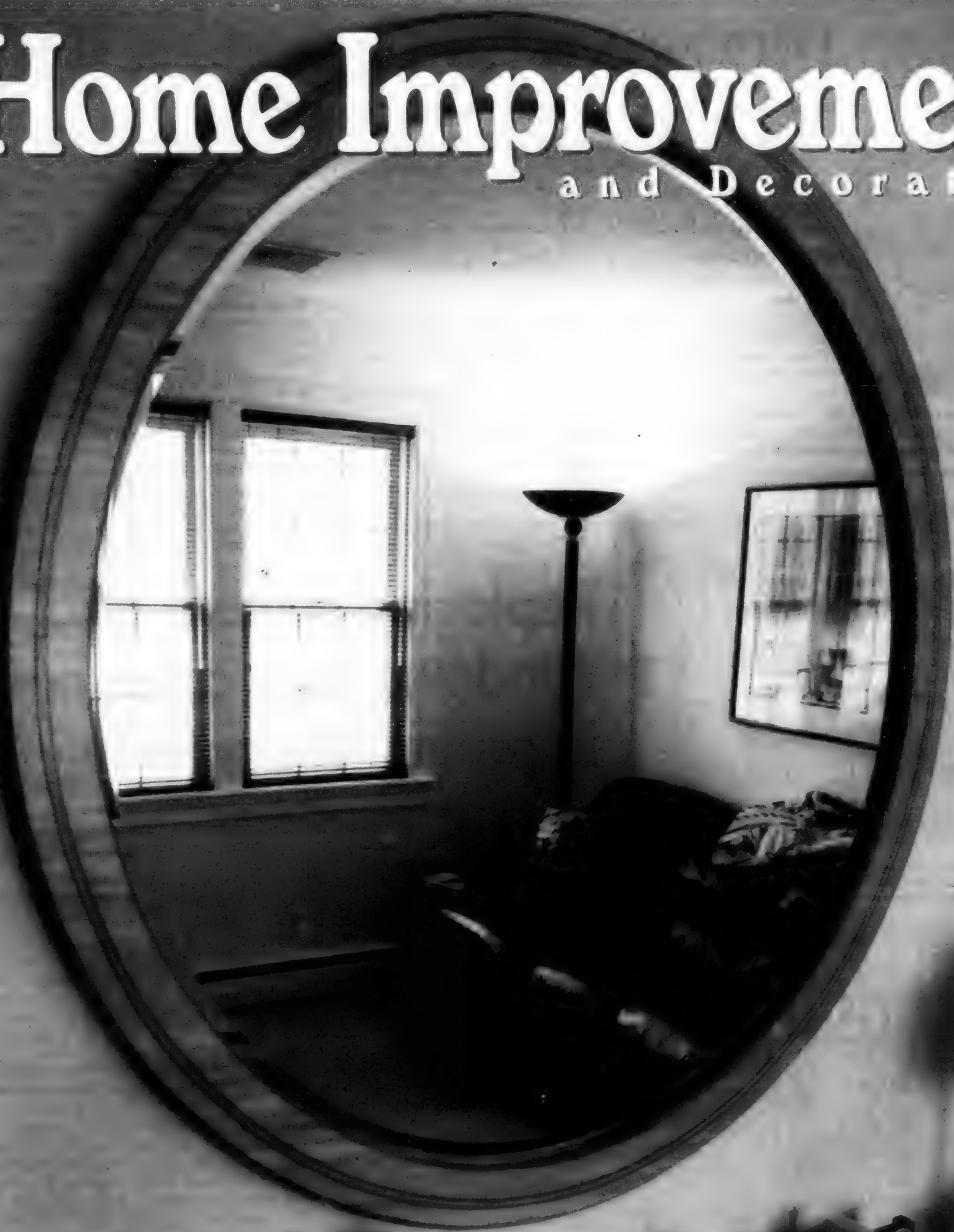
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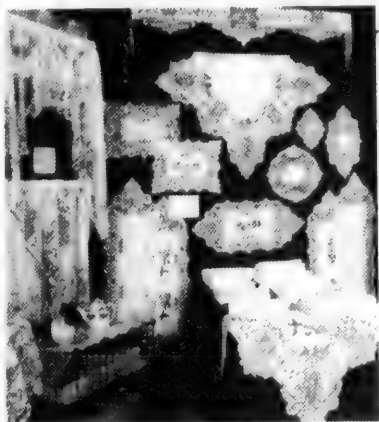
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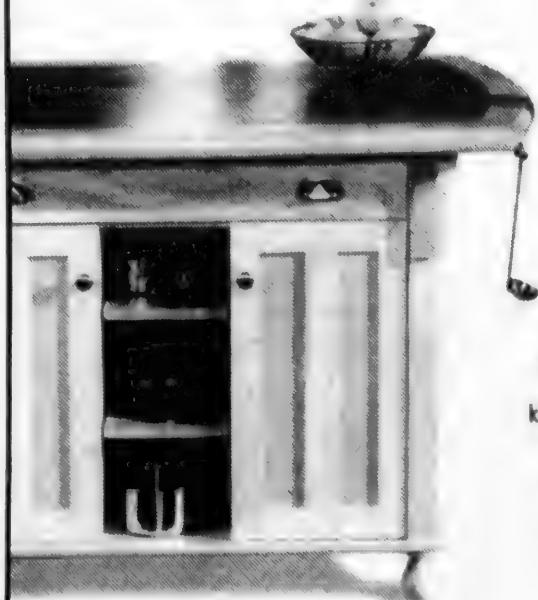
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Replacing screens and windows now a top home improvement activity

(IHIT) – One of the fastest-growing segments of home improvement projects is the replacement of windows, doors and screens.

Homeowners now know there are two major reasons to replace screens and windows. The first is the increased, efficient thermal protection – windows that keep more heat in the home in the winter and the virtual elimination of cool air loss in summer.

Thermal protection is accomplished by new insulating window glazing and other technological advancements introduced by the window industry. The screen industry has taken major forward steps in developing new screens that significantly reduce sun-generated heat from entering homes, products you will find at retailers called "solar screens." Solar screens actually are available in vinyl-coated fiberglass and aluminum louvered products. Other new screen products available for the remodeling market include mesh that significantly increases the amount of air and light that comes through the screen opening.

The second reason for replacing your screens is an aesthetic one. New screens enhance exterior beauty of your home and provide homeowners with increased views from the inside out. Newly designed screen frames now come in colors to match the exterior of most homes.

"Replacing screens is usually done at the same time windows are replaced," says Frank S. Fitzgerald, executive vice president of the Screen Manufacturers Association. "But, the

recent trend is to begin by just replacing the screens, an option that immediately results in a whole new exterior and interior appearance and more important, better views, increased heat loss control."

Mr. Fitzgerald said that one of the main reasons consumers give for replacing their screens is the new convenience provided by today's screens. The abundance of new designs makes it possible to have screens in place when needed and out of the way when they are not. "Now, the age-old task of putting screens in place every spring and taking them down in the fall is falling by the wayside," he adds. "Removable screens are giving way to self-storing screens, and homeowners are opting for that convenience in rapidly increasing numbers."

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Mr. Fitzgerald says that one of the main reasons screen replacement has grown in popularity is the wide array of screens now available in the market. In addition to traditional screens, homeowners can choose alarm screens, protection and security screens and stainless steel woven screens. In geographic areas where tiny insects are in abundance, retailers offer "no-see-em" screens, whose fine mesh weave keeps pesky mini-insects out.

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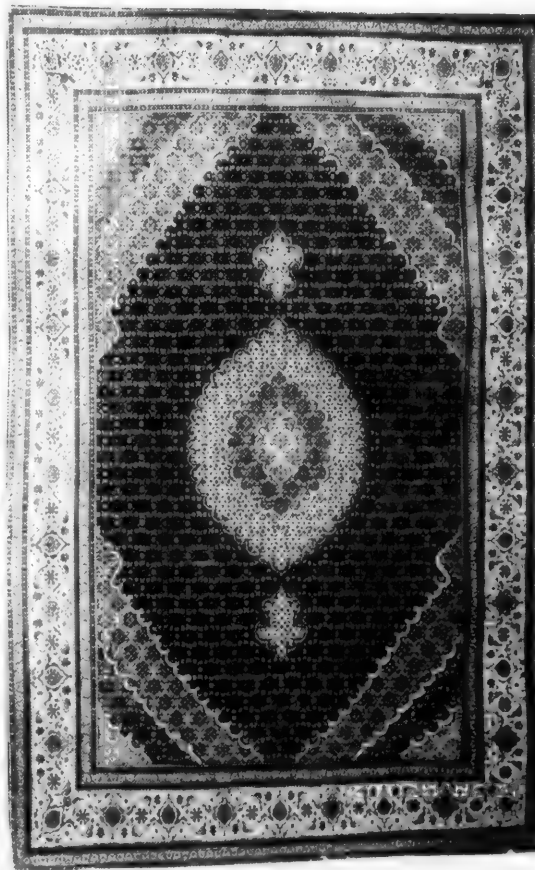
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Aluminum and steel sidings, which took the nation by storm in the '50s and '60s, promised – and delivered – an end to regular and costly painting. But, with much of it in place for nearly a generation now, these sidings are showing their age. Many homeowners, therefore, are opting to dress up their siding, ironically, with paint.

In many cases, tastes have simply changed. Yesterday's visionary colors have become today's eyesores. Moreover, the factory-applied paint coatings keep chalking over, leaving a dusty, lackluster appearance. This chalking (easily seen by rubbing your fingertips over the siding), while unattractive, is no accident. Paint coatings made for metallic surfaces are designed to chalk; it allows the paint to slough off tree sap, bird droppings and other natural stains.

If chalking is your only complaint, then a good scrubbing may be all your siding needs. If you've wondered, however, if your steel or aluminum siding would hold a coat of paint, without initiating the very cycle of repainting that you spent good money to avoid in the first place, the answer is a qualified yes.

While your own paint job will not likely hold up as well as a factory coating, metallic surfaces generally hold paint better than wood or composite-fiber surfaces. The reason is that metal does not absorb and release moisture with changes in temperature and humidity. This breathing process

is what causes paint to blister and lose its grip on wood and hardboard sidings.

Choosing the right paint is critical. You'll only want to do this once, so a garden-variety latex is out of the question. Instead, choose a high-quality, and slightly higher priced, 100 percent acrylic paint that will bond well to metal and dry with a hard, smooth finish.

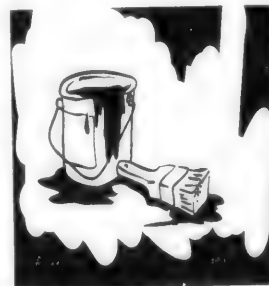
Before painting, prepare the surface by removing the chalk buildup. A mild household detergent and a scouring pad will do the job. Scrub an area and rinse it off thoroughly before moving on. Seal any seams between exposed wood and siding, and plumbing and electrical openings.

Painting aluminum requires no special skills, but close attention to detail improves the final appearance. As always, start painting from the top and work down. Paint the field first and then the trim. Make sure

you load the brush with plenty of paint and smooth out your strokes carefully.

When it comes to painting the interior surfaces of J-molding and the siding that abuts it, the brushwork can be tricky. It's easy to load too much paint into these narrow strips, and because your brush must lay against the siding, it's easy to drag fresh paint off of the siding near the J-molding. If this is a problem, paint the inside channel of all J-molding first, then paint the rest of the siding after this paint dries.

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Get the alligators off your house

(NU) – There's an old adage that goes something like this: "It's too late to drain the swamp when you're up to your elbows in alligators." Homeowners who are painting their houses may feel that the swamp should have been drained long ago, because they can face many problems, including alligatoring.

But, alligatoring and other problems can be fixed – and even prevented – with some good advice and some proper preparation.

When painting the exterior of your home, there are five major surface problems that may need to be addressed: these include alligatoring, chalking, efflorescence, color fading and galvanized metal peeling. The problems are serious, but they can be fixed and prevented from happening again.

Alligatoring is a condition that's characterized by wide cracks in the paint that resemble alligator scales. The most common causes include oil-based paints that age and start cracking, a topcoat that doesn't bond smoothly to a glossy undercoat, insufficient drying time between coats or using a hard coating with a soft primer.

The best way to get rid of alligators is to power wash the surface thoroughly, scrape any loose areas, spot sand and prime and then paint with a high-quality primer/finish coat.

Chalking is heavy powdering that appears over time when paint is exposed to

the elements. Severe chalking also can occur if the paint is spread too thinly when applied.

The best way to remove the chalky powder before painting is with a power washer or a wire brush. If the problem is severe, a chalk binder coat may be needed. A good primer and a top-quality exterior paint can drastically reduce the chances of chalking.

Efflorescence appears on masonry houses when too much moisture is present and crusty salt deposits appear on the surface. The best way to battle efflorescence is to eliminate moisture sources that cause the problem.

When prepping the surface, it is important to remove all loose paint with a wire brush and to patch any holes in the masonry. Use a masonry primer/sealer to reduce the risk of reoccurrence.

Fading/color retention is an early loss of color caused by direct sunlight. Yellows, reds and other lighter paints suffer from this problem more than darker colors. All colors fade over time, but inferior paints fade sooner. After cleaning the surfaces, apply a primer and a high-quality paint to help color last for years.

Galvanized metal peeling often is caused by poor surface preparation. To fix the problem, remove all loose paint, rust and other debris, and then apply an acrylic, corrosion-resistant primer to prevent future problems.

Blackdog builds new showroom and offices

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Blackdog Builders Inc. is currently building a new location for their showroom and offices in Salem, N.H., due to be completed in late spring/early summer 2001.

The new building will be located off of Route 93's Exit 2 (next to the Red Roof Inn) and will house a kitchen, bath and remodeling design showroom, offices and warehouse and tenant office space. David and Brenda Bryan, Blackdog's owners, have been contemplating this move for a couple of years, ever since they began feeling squeezed for space in their current

location.

"In 1995, we had eight employees. Since then, we've grown to 33 employees, and we're literally tripping over each other!" says Brenda.

"We are really excited about this move," adds David. "The new building will triple our office space, provide on-site storage and allow us a larger showroom with a more efficient layout."

The move is also wise from a financial perspective: The cost of owning the new, larger building will be the same or less than the lease cost of their current smaller space.

Blackdog's current showroom and office is located on Route 28 in Salem, a high-traffic retail area.

"People ask if we're concerned about losing business by moving to a more remote location," says Brenda. "But, once people decide to remodel, they need to seek out qualified designers and contractors, so we don't expect our showroom to suffer. We just have to make sure they're hearing of us in other ways, especially referrals, which account for about 75 percent of our business."

Included within the showroom space will be a Pella Selection Center® to help with the design and ordering of Pella's many window and door products.

"We're enthused about the new Pella Selection Center® at Blackdog," says Jesse Stevens, pres-

ident of Pella Windows and Doors of New Hampshire. "It will allow us to better serve Blackdog's clients and have an easily accessible location in the Salem area for all of our builder, remodeler and homeowner customers."

Currently, the nearest Pella locations are in Woburn and Danvers and Newington and Concord, N.H.

Blackdog is also looking for tenants for the 3,000 square feet of available office space.

"Our preference is to lease to other home-related businesses, like architects, structural engineers, designers, et cetera," says David. "Having related businesses under the same roof builds great synergy. Our clients gain

convenience, and our tenants have access to clients they might not otherwise have reached."

The daunting task of showroom design has fallen to Brenda Bryan, Blackdog's original designer (they now have five).

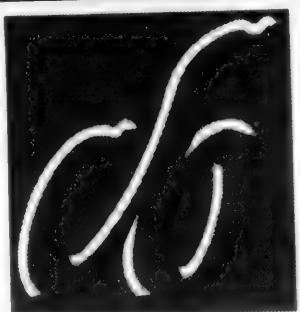
"There are 18 different kitchen, bath and home office displays, all with a myriad choices in cabinetry, counters, flooring, lighting, paint colors, wallpapers, fabrics and accessories. Everything has to be beautiful and unique, yet still tie into the flow of the whole space," says Brenda. "It was overwhelming at first but now is coming together as a really top-notch showroom. I think all of our visitors will be inspired!"

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Wallpaper can help define today's open floor plans

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By Lis King

(IHIT) — Soaring ceilings, huge windows and wide-open floor plans are most-wanted features in today's new homes, and this isn't just a fashion whim. There are real benefits, such as light-filled, moon-struck interiors, expansive views of the outdoors and lots of room to roam. All can be welcoming features after a day of being cooped up in a no-view workplace.

But, there is a dark side to the new type of home design: The wide-open floor plan is so different from the average American experience that it represents quite a decorating challenge.

According to Barbara Lazarow, head designer for Blonder Wallcoverings, decorating centers are being bombarded with questions on how to mix and match colors, wallpapers, fabrics and other decorating elements from one area of the home to another.

"So many rooms in these homes are multifunctional and flow into each other with few walls, or no walls at all, and that makes it extremely difficult to define each space," explains Ms. Lazarow. "There are two-story foyers; great rooms that are kitchen, dining area, media room, play area, and more, all within one large space; master bedroom suites that incorporate bath, dressing and exercise room ... It's not unusual that most of the rooms for the first floor flow right into each other, and even when there is a separating wall, one gets full views of several rooms at once."

Coordinating wallpaper borders can help define different areas, according to Ms. Lazarow.

"Too many homeowners resort to simply painting every wall white, and that's a shame, for there are ways to fill these spaces with color and beauty," insists Ms. Lazarow. "I would recommend getting to know today's wallpapers. So many of them provide the kind of soft color and subtle design that can take such spaces from blind-



Subtle wallpaper patterns, such as faux finishes, can provide welcome color and texture in homes with open floor plans.

ing and boring to lovely and interesting."

Faux fashions

Faux patterns, Ms. Lazarow says, are especially suitable for multi-storied, open floor plans. She says the patterns are non-directional, neutral and easy to work with, and they are available in a surprising range of designs. There are stippled, color-washed, sponged and glazed effects, duplicating hand-painted walls; other faux designs mimic rare marbles and other stone surfaces, paneling and burl wood. For extra realism, many are deeply textured to duplicate swirling brush strokes, the deep ridges of combing or even the weather-worn walls of centuries-old villas.

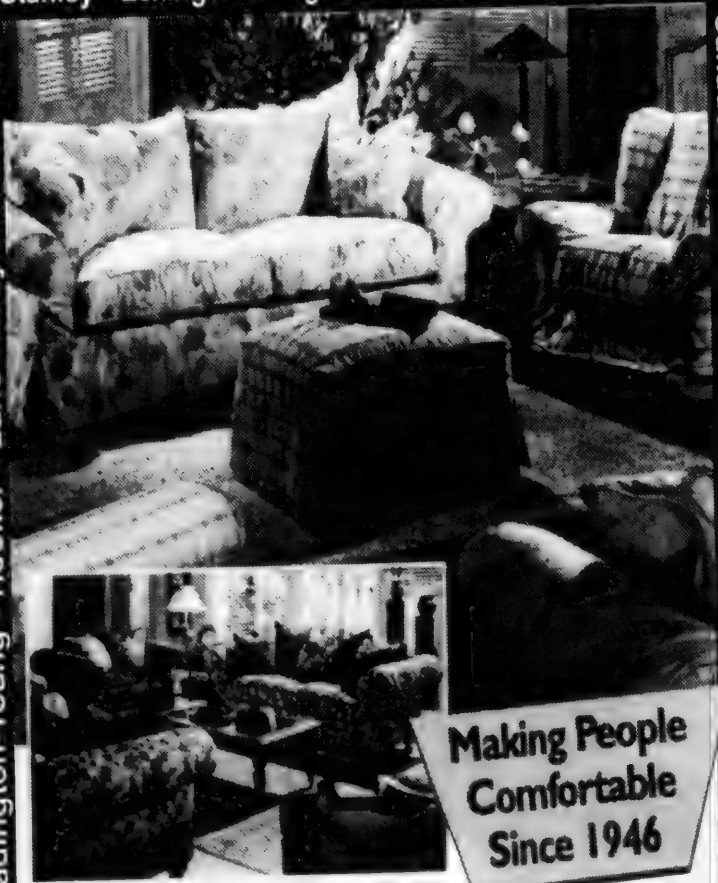
"Such patterns move easily across the walls and partitions of open-floored homes," says Ms. Lazarow. "And, they come in wonderful colors, from neutrals to deeper colors. The effect of a faux-papered wall is so much softer and prettier than an expanse of bland, white-painted plaster or sheetrock."

Lots of wispy abstract or nature patterns also offer fashion for open floor plans. You can choose a more definitive pattern, but it should be a non-directional design, so it will flow naturally across jutting partitions. Or, think of using a strong pattern on a single

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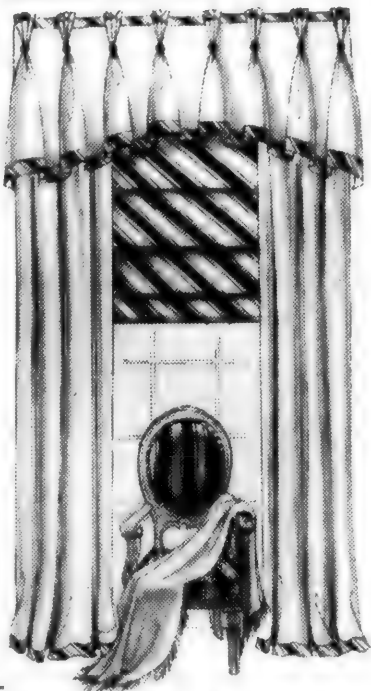
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Tips for breathing easier at home

(NAPSA) – Since Americans spend more than 90 percent of their time indoors, discovering how easy it is to reduce levels of allergens and pollutants in the home may seem like a breath of fresh air. That's especially true for the 40 million Americans with allergies and the 17 million with asthma.

According to a recent report from the American Lung Association Health House Project and 3M, choosing a high-efficiency furnace filter can make a big difference in improving air quality at home. But, only one in eight Americans purchases a high-efficiency filter for the furnace.

Here are several tips to help you and your loved ones breathe easier at home, courtesy of the American Lung Association Health House Project:

- Prohibit smoking in the home;
- Install a carbon monoxide detector on every floor of the house;
- Make sure gas cooking appliances are vented to the outdoors;
- Test your home for radon;
- Clean window coverings – they are magnets for dust. Use window shades made of plastic, wood or other washable materials for easy cleaning;
- Use a damp mop or cloth when cleaning. Never use aerosols or spray cleaners in the bedroom;
- Groom pets often and minimize their access to bedrooms of anyone with allergies or asthma;
- Check the soil of houseplants for mold. If mold growth is evident, the plants should be repotted or kept outdoors;
- Store firewood in the garage or outdoors, rather than near the fireplace or anywhere else in the home. Drying firewood can generate mold spores which can easily contaminate an entire house;



Using a high-efficiency furnace filter can help reduce indoor air pollution.

- Keep humidity levels low with a dehumidifier, and clean it regularly so it doesn't become a pollution source;
- Run the furnace fan continuously, regardless of the outdoor temperature. To do so, set the furnace thermostat to the "on," rather than the "auto" position;
- Use a high-efficiency furnace filter, and replace it every two to three months. A high-efficiency filter not only protects the furnace, but it can also capture up to 30 times more allergens – such as pollen, pet dander and smoke – than standard fiberglass filters; and
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When choosing interior colors, take a room-by-room tour

(NAPSA) - You want a home with style, comfort and personality. But, how do you choose colors that transform builder-beige walls into a personal statement?

First, ask yourself what col-

ors you like. Use colors that make you feel good rather than what you see in design magazines or your neighbor's house. One hint: Choose colors that draw compliments when you wear them.

Next, take a room-by-room tour of your house, starting with public spaces where family and friends gather; for these rooms, use warmer colors from your palette of favorites.

- Foyer: The entrance is a transitional space that gives visitors their first impression of the home and links the rooms around it. Make the foyer a welcoming space, with warm, even high-drama colors, such as arresting red, sunshine yellow or blackened olive.

- Living room: Most people want this room to be a tranquil, formal space for entertaining and relaxing. Colors should be subtle, but still warm. Good choices include dark ivories, gray-toned tans and sages.

- Dining room: Colors here should promote appetite and conversation and reflect the homeowner's entertaining style. Mandarin orange and curry have an exotic effect, while azure blue with oxford cloth white produces a cheerful look.

- Family room: This is an upbeat space that cries out for intense colors. Anything too subtle can leave this room with underachieving walls. Options include terra cotta, coral, gold and

cobalt blue.

- Kitchen: Make it inviting. Cabinetry and appliances influence color choice: Butter pecan looks great with oak cabinets, while plums and taupes show off white cabinets. If there's an attached family room, bring in colors from that room.

A home's private spaces are where family members go to read, work, sleep or escape. Serene colors turn private rooms into relaxing havens.

- Bedroom: Emphasize colors that evoke comfort and tranquility. Periwinkle blue and candleglow yellow can be an appealing combination.

- Bath: Many women consider the bath their personal sanctuary, and the right color can make it a true escape. Consider sunny yellow or perhaps the serenity of watery blues and soft greens.

- Home office: If it's used as

a workspace, choose bright, clean colors that keep energy up. If the office is used in the evening for curling up with a book or surfing the Web, go for calmer, deeper colors, such as taupe and dark sage.

When choosing colors for your home, consider your lifestyle, what you use the room for and what you want the space to say about you. But, the basic question should always be: What colors make me feel good?

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Paint colors should be chosen on a room-by-room basis, emphasizing each space's function.

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One of the most important rooms in any home is the kitchen. In today's society, the status of the kitchen has moved well beyond the utilitarian room of the past and has become the heart of almost every home. Whether buying a new home or remodeling an existing kitchen, consumers are seeking out kitchens that serve as the focal point of their entire home. Creating the ideal kitchen is easy, with a little help from your kitchen designer and by keeping the three "Fs" in mind: function, form and flow.

One of the biggest complaints people have about their kitchen is that it is awkward to move around in. You know the scene: You retrieve the lettuce from the refrigerator and walk to the other side of the room to place it on the small counter next to the sink. As you return to the fridge for the forgotten tomato, your husband happens to open the stove door. Dodging him, you ram into the center island and now clutch your hip in agony, attempting not to curse in front of the children. The tomato makes a "thud-splat" sound as it falls to the floor. Sound familiar? The kitchen experts in Moynihan Lumber's Kitchen Showroom say that this scenario and many others are easily remedied with the proper planning.

A kitchen is designed around a path known as the work triangle, which ties together the work stations.

A work station is simply an area that completes a certain task. Your food preparation/cooking work station will probably include an oven, a cooktop and a microwave oven. A clean-up work station, consisting of a trash compactor and a dishwasher, and a food storage work station with a refrigerator and pantry are also examples of work stations. Some kitchens also have a planning work station with a desk to allow family members to plan meals, use the phone or a computer and do homework.

The work triangle path controls the flow of traffic, so you don't have to walk too far between work stations or appliances. For example, if you enjoy baking a lot, you'll need more counter space than someone who prefers microwave dinners. For more information on planning the right work station for your kitchen, visit the project planning center on Moynihan Lumber's Web site at www.moynihanlumber.com.

Moynihan Lumber's kitchen designers recommend that you take measurements of your existing kitchen, noting where windows, doors and appliances are. Be sure to bring these measurements with you when you go shopping for a new kitchen. Prioritize on paper what things are important to you about your new kitchen. Do you want an island, special drawers, a wine rack? Think about how your new kitchen will be used and who will be using it. Make a list. By doing these things in advance, you'll save time and give the designer all he or she needs to create your dream kitchen. (Also at www.moynihanlumber.com is a

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checklist that you can fill out and bring to your designer when it is time to design your kitchen - very helpful!) The kitchen professionals at Moynihan Lumber are trained in computer layout and design. With the touch of a button, you'll be able to see your dream kitchen before you purchase a single cabinet. Moynihan Lumber offers the design service free of charge, as well as free delivery of your new kitchen.

At times, finding the "perfect kitchen" may seem like a daunting task,

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Moynihan Lumber will be presenting their sixth annual home show this March at The Diplomat in Saugus. The free event features many outstanding kitchen examples that customers can walk through, while speaking directly with Moynihan Lumber's kitchen designers. Representatives from major cabinet manufacturers will be on hand as well. Moynihan Lumber's Home Show and Sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 25.

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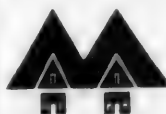
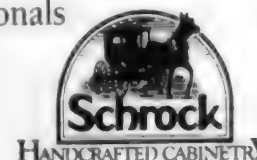
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A spare room doesn't have to be made up of spare parts

By Eric M. Danis

"People sometimes go in blankly, without thinking what they will use the room for," says Frank Girard, a North Andover interior designer.

Your son or daughter recently moved away to college, or maybe you decided to put an addition onto your house. Either way, you now have at least one spare room in your home that can be decorated and personalized. But, how will you decorate the newfound space?

One common mistake made by people who are about to begin decorating a spare room is a lack of planning, according to Frank Girard, an interior designer at Interiors by White Street in North Andover.

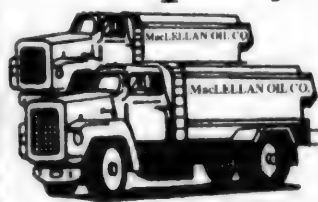
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When changing a spare room into an office, one must consider who will be primarily using the office, says interior designer Frank Girard.

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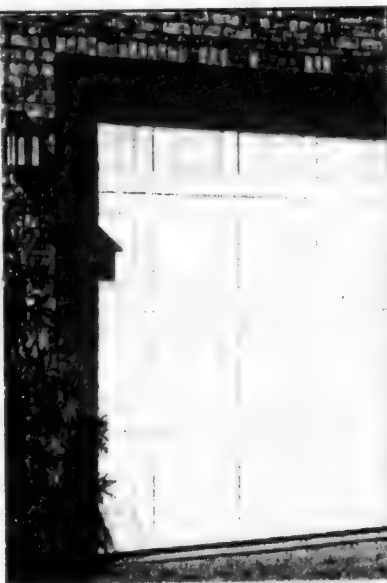
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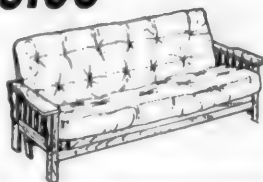
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(IHIT) - You may not judge a book by its cover, but think again if you're applying that adage to your home.

Whether buying, selling or staying put, your home's exterior greatly affects first impressions, as well as market value. By properly maintaining its exterior, your home's curb appeal is enhanced and you protect your investment. While no home is truly maintenance-free, an annual house checkup keeps chores in check and rewards you while you live there and when you sell.

"Curb appeal is one of the most important factors in home sales," says Kathy Diffley, past president of the St. Paul, Minn., Area Association of Realtors. "If you drive up to a house that's well cared for, buyers become excited."

In fact, Ms. Diffley asserts that many buyers make a decision within a few seconds of arriving at a home - before even entering the front door.

"Buyers are busy," says Ms. Diffley. "There's seldom time to view an interior if the exterior is disappointing."

Both the condition and color of a home's exterior affect buyers' impressions. According to Ray Pittman, a Chicago industrial designer and member of the Color Marketing Group, color also influences purchase decisions.

Mr. Pittman says, "Introducing a new, carefully selected siding color or 'tweaking' a current shade has been known to increase a siding's sales by as much as 40 percent in just one year."

And, maintenance of your home's exterior should increase its worth and your pleasure. Think of home maintenance as physical fitness for your home; this enables you to take preventative measures to avoid situations that can become time-consuming, costly problems.

The best place to start your once-over is with a yearly home inspection. It's all too easy to become complacent about minor problems right under your nose. Drive up to your house, viewing it through the eyes of a buyer.

"It's amazing what homeowners suddenly see!" says Ms. Diffley.

First, how do your sidewalk and driveway look? Do you see cracks or buckles? Consider calling an expert to determine if replacement is needed, or if other remedies will help.

Next, check out your landscaping. Is it neatly trimmed, or overgrown? Are foliage and shrubbery surrounding your home gangly or growing against the siding? If so, trim them to restore that "cared for" look; this also benefits your siding by restoring air circulation between shrubs and siding and giving sunshine access to help keep the siding dry. While inspecting, check to see if algae or mildew is growing on the siding, especially behind the plants. If so, buy a mildew wash at your local hardware store and apply it to affected areas.

Follow with a close look at doors and windows. Your front door not only keeps out the cold, it's also your home's "welcome mat." Check the door's appearance and make any needed improvements. (How's the screen door? Polish that door-knob and/or kick plate; repaint if color is fading.) Next, take a close look at your windows. Is the trim peeling or bubbling? It may be time to scrape and repaint.

Now, take a look at the house as a whole. Does your home's exterior appear clean and well maintained? Does the siding have dents, cracks or discoloration? Check siding for any nail or caulking irregularities. If nails protrude, lightly tap them flush with the siding. If nails are overdriven, fill in with a high-quality caulk. Also, apply new caulk in places where the old is loose or cracked, after removing old caulk.

Is your paint cracking, flaking or eroding, or is the color simply out of date? A fresh coat may be the best solution. Be sure to clean your siding prior to repainting. If any substrate is bare, apply primer and follow with two high-quality topcoats. Also, remember to paint the bottom edge of the siding as well as the face. Carefully select your new color to ensure lasting appeal.

"Lifestyles influence color. In today's working world, the hectic pace makes us seek comfort and sanctuary at home," says Mr. Pittman. "Colors are taking their cue from nature. Brick and stone elements and generous roof designs require siding colors that complement and integrate with these natural materials." For example, tans, buffs, khakis and warm grays work very well. Color elements and craftsmanship elements will tie it all together. Adds Mr. Pittman, "Siding color lightened five times becomes the perfect trim shade. Pastels are returning, but more like faded, stronger colors, rather than the chalkier pastels of yesterday."

Maybe it's time to replace your siding and/or trim altogether. Hardboard sidings resist the denting, cracking, rusting or corroding to which other sidings are susceptible.

Finally, Ms. Diffley reminds us of the No. 1 rule of home maintenance.

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Although higher-priced, labor-intensive, true handmade brick represents only a fraction of today's brick sales, getting that warm, one-of-a-kind handcrafted look has now become more affordable. Advances in manufacturing technology now offer home buyers many of the unique qualities and character of hand-molded brick at a lower cost, closer to that of extruded brick. Sometimes, the effect is created by texturing extruded brick, but increasingly, machine-molded antiques are now replicating the appearance of the old handmade products.

"Advances in manufacturing technology now let home buyers get handmade looks at a lower, machine-made cost," says Tom Perry, vice president, marketing, Brick Industry Association, Reston, Va. "New texturizing techniques for extruded brick, such as tumbling and distressing, soften the texture and look. And, new machine-molded antiques offer a rough, distressed face with soft rolled edges that are hard to tell from authentic handmades."

Extruded face brick is produced by extruding a column of prepared raw material (forcing the clay mixture through a die), and slicing it into brick-

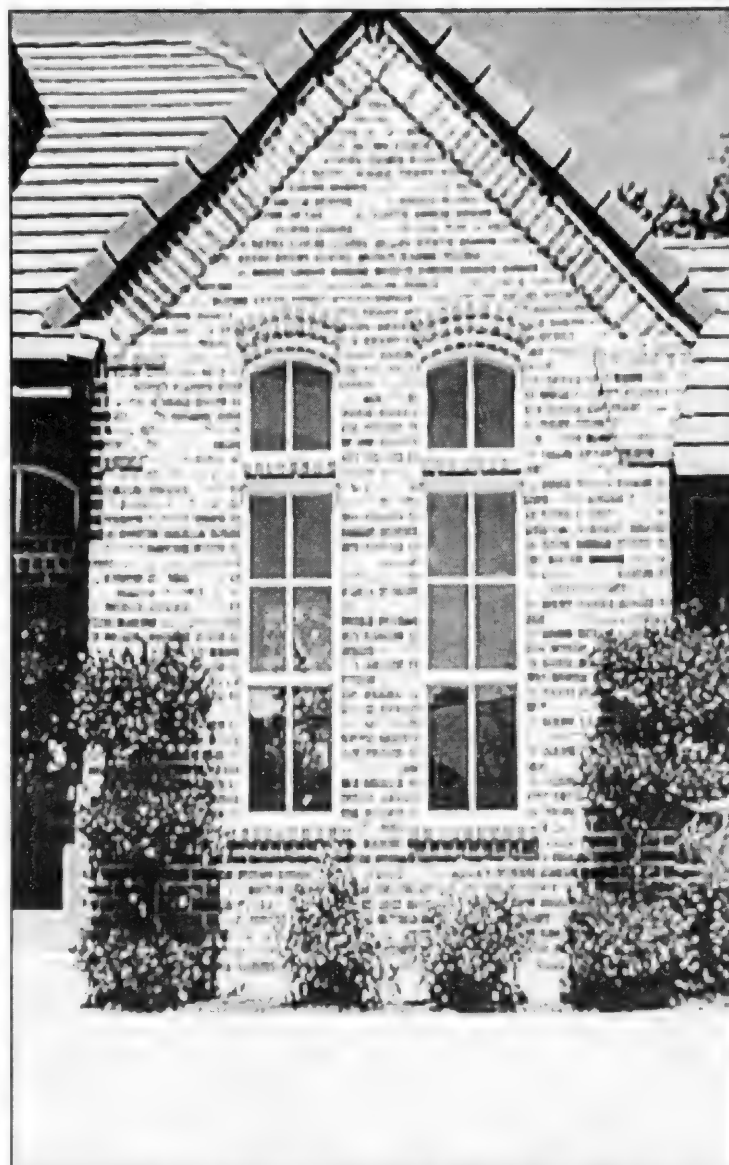


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Machine-made brick can offer a handmade look at an affordable cost.

size units. Although the effect is fairly even, clean and rectangular in shape, many textures - from the subtle to the dramatic - can be added after the brick has been extruded.

For an even more authentic look at a slightly higher cost, machine-molded antique brick is now being produced by mechanically dumping the raw material into brick-shaped mold boxes. When the mold boxes are turned over and the material released, the result is a brick of a slightly more irregular shape, reminiscent of early colonial brick.

Compression is the key factor that determines brick's appearance, according to Sales Manager Glenn Kubany, Potomac Valley Brick, Rockville, Md.

"Extruded brick is completely compressed as it is forced through the die, so it tends to have a very precise appearance," explains Mr. Kubany. "Extruded brick can be then passed between

rollers that randomly distress the surface, or it can be tumbled to soften the edges. With machine-molded antiques, the clay is not quite as compressed, so you get softening around the edges and some folds in the brick face that give it that true handmade appearance."

Because of its premium price, true handmade brick is often featured on interior walls and fireplaces, where a lower quantity is required.

"With a true handmade (brick), the mold is just not filled in completely, which gives it its one-of-a-kind uniqueness," Mr. Kubany explains. "When builders are using a larger quantity of brick, they will often go to machine-molded antiques to get that handmade appearance at a reduced cost."

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Climate Design donated its services to both organizations as a way to kick off its participation in the National Day of Service, a program sponsored by Service Experts of Richardson, Texas. Climate Design is affiliated with Service Experts and Lennox, which is also based in Richardson.

Nearly all 212 Service Experts centers throughout the country participate in the National Day of Service. Their mission is to assist charitable organizations or low-income residents in their communities by ensuring that their heating and cooling systems are properly maintained, with an emphasis on protecting their comfort and safety during periods of extreme hot and cold weather. Some centers, such as Climate Design Systems, assist shelters, food pantries or other human service organizations; others perform tuneups and safety inspections on heating and air-conditioning equipment for low-income and elderly individuals who can't afford to hire a contractor to perform the work.

"Everyone at Climate Design Systems understands that it is vitally important for the systems at the Veterans Outreach Center and the Emmaus House to be working properly to ensure the comfort and safety of everyone who uses and works at these facilities," says Climate Design General Manager Thomas A. DiPietro. "The service technicians who performed the work at each location enthusiastically volunteered to be part of this effort. Although the economy is strong and unemployment is low, the agencies that help needy families and individuals are dealing with an ever-increasing demand for their services. By allowing Climate Design to donate its services, these community organizations can keep their systems running and concentrate more of their limited resources on the individuals they serve."

The Veterans Northeast Outreach Center, which serves veterans from Newburyport to Lowell, provides outreach services, information about benefits, job counseling, housing for homeless veterans and a food pantry. The center is in the process of

expanding, and Executive Director John F. Norris says Climate Design was instrumental in assessing the condition of the heating systems in some property the agency is about to purchase and doing maintenance work on its own heating systems.

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John Ratka, left, assistant director of the Veterans Northeast Outreach Center, and Roger Bazin of Climate Design Systems meet to discuss Climate Design's donation of maintenance of the home's heating systems.

Budget the time and money to do-it-yourself

(NAPSA) – More and more homeowners are rolling up their sleeves and strapping on their tool belts to join the industrious ranks of do-it-yourselfers. In fact, according to a recent survey conducted by The Home Depot and Yankelovich Partners, 95 percent of the respondents said they now are choosing to tackle their own home improvement projects.

Whether it's remodeling the kitchen or painting the nursery, four of five Americans prefer to do their own home improvement projects for the sense of accomplishment they achieve. But, despite the respondents' desire to "do-it-themselves," two key factors stand in the way of making home improvement dreams a reality: lack of time and money. Home Depot's Lesley Carl-

son points out, however, that finding the time and money for a home improvement project is easier than most people think.

"Often, eager do-it-yourselfers spend more time and money on home improvement projects simply because they don't plan ahead," says Ms. Carlson. "Before you begin, it's important to have a clear idea of what you want to accomplish, a good grasp on the resources available and a sound plan for financing your project from start to finish."

To save time, Ms. Carlson recommends following these preliminary steps:

– Create a design file: Begin collecting ideas for your home improvement project early, and create a design file with magazine, book or online photos and

ideas. The design file helps combine big ideas and little details to achieve the look and function you desire.

– Ask people you trust: Don't be shy about asking friends, neighbors and experts about their home improvement experiences, including what worked or didn't work; often, these individuals are the best resources for unbiased advice. Take notes, and keep a current list of reliable names and numbers to add to your design file.

– Create a timeline: Be realistic about the commitment you're making before starting a project. Ms. Carlson recommends creating a week-by-week timeline that includes everything from idea conception and research to the final coat of paint. The timeline gives you a weekly goal and a

sense of accomplishment from start to finish.

– Assess your resources: Before heading to a home improvement store, make a list of all of the tools and supplies you need for your project. A "home inventory" saves time by eliminating repeat trips to the retailer for additional supplies, and it will eliminate the cost of unnecessary tools and supplies.

Time isn't the only factor keeping Americans from doing their own home improvement projects. Seven in ten Americans (70 percent) cite money as a major factor preventing them from doing more projects.

Financing your projects

Ms. Carlson says remodeling can range from \$5,000 for a small change to more than

\$30,000 for a full makeover, making remodeling financially difficult for some homeowners.

Research also shows that the typical do-it-yourselfer opts to finance his or her home improvement projects by paying as he or she goes, but this can stretch out the project over many months.

"Do-it-yourselfers often have to stop working in the middle of their projects for lack of money and can quickly become frustrated or give up," says Ms. Carlson. "Now, there are new options available to solve this problem."

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To ensure that your home is electrically safe, the Leviton Institute suggests that you conduct an annual home safety audit. As part of the audit, you should examine the condition of your outlets, electric cords and extension cords, plugs, ground fault circuit interrupters, light bulbs, circuit breakers and fuses, exposed wiring and entertainment and computer equipment.

Water and electricity are a dangerous combination. In the bathroom, never let electric cords come in contact with water. Also, the Leviton Insti-

tute recommends that special receptacles, called ground fault circuit interrupters be installed wherever an electrical outlet is within six feet of water.

Common electrical safety hazards to look for are:

- * An overloaded electrical outlet;
- * Damaged electrical cords that have been taped over;
- * Electric cords that run under a carpet;
- * A high wattage light bulb that is screwed into a lamp socket rated for a low-wattage bulb; and
- * Failure to remove an electric cord from an outlet by its plug.

The Leviton Institute is the educational arm of the Leviton Manufacturing Company, based in Little Neck, N.Y. The institute's mission is to educate consumers, specifiers and others about the benefits of today's electrical wiring devices and systems and to promote the safe use of electrical devices in the home.

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(IHIT) - Want to do your part to help the environment? According to Edison Electric Institute, there are many energy-efficient appliances for the home that give you the power to help the environment every day.

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Nail home improvement projects

(NAPSA) - A new home at the old address: A well-planned home improvement project can help you achieve that goal, and you needn't spend a fortune or be a master carpenter to get the job done. With an investment of as little as \$1,000 to \$10,000, anyone can be a do-it-yourselfer and make their home a much more pleasant place to live, while adding to its long-term resale value.

To complete a project as large as adding a new backyard deck or as modest as creating a new fireplace surround and mantel, Tim Carter, a professional craftsman and author of the book "The Home Ranger Helps You Figure it Out," recommends using wood to add ready enjoyment and real value to any home.

"Wood is a building material that always looks more expensive than it costs," says Mr. Carter. "Wood is easy to work with and can adapt to any project plans."

Wood projects make use of tools that are familiar to most people, including hammers, sanders and hand saws. With the ease of tools and supplies already in a homeowner's toolbox, projects can be completed without unanticipated costs.

Home improvements using wood are also appealing to home buyers. According to the National Association of Realtors, buyers of existing homes look for functionality, durability and convenience inside a home. Many experts cite wood cabinets, hardwood floors, decks and natural woodwork as the most popular features among today's home buyers.

Here are some of Mr. Carter's wood-working suggestions for do-it-yourselfers on a budget:

- Add window flower boxes;
- Install molding around doorways;
- Add wooden trim as floor baseboards;
- Add wood crown moldings around a doorway or beams to a living room ceiling;

• Create a "chair rail" to dress up a dining room;

- Build a wood fireplace surround and mantel;
- Construct a window seat; or
- Build a garden arbor.

Tackling more for less than \$5,000

An outdoor storage shed will cost around \$2,000 in lumber and other supplies. A shed makes an efficient area to store the lawnmower, garden tools and seasonal items, such as snow shovels and outdoor holiday decorations, while freeing up garage space for things that really belong in the garage - like the car.

Extra cabinets and shelves inside the home and garden sheds outside the home improve the quality of a living space and use space more efficiently in smaller rooms. Projects such as sheds use framing lumber that's readily available at local lumber retailers. Projects for less than \$5,000 that use framing include sectioning off a corner in a kitchen or mud room to build a pantry and creating a linen closet in an upstairs hall or bathroom.

Projects up to \$10,000

Higher-cost projects may include finishing a basement, building a multilevel deck or adding a three-season room, and they can significantly increase the value of a home. Using wood in lieu of other building materials for project plans gives a more cozy feeling with a richer look and greater comfort.

As projects grow in price, they often grow in complexity. A contractor or professional carpenter may help you efficiently complete a more involved project, while helping you stay within your budget. You can also ask a carpenter or remodeler if he or she can act as an assistant, keeping costs down and giving you a great chance to learn skills for future projects.

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Surge protection: everyone's concern

(IHT) - Computers and other electronic equipment found in nearly every home and business can be quite susceptible to electrical changes, such as power surges or momentary interruptions. Changes may show up as minor current spikes, voltage sags or electrical distortions that are difficult to find, even if you know where to look. Dealing with power quality concerns requires an understanding of the equipment and a plan of protection at each level.

Lightning strikes to homes or nearby locations are a primary cause of damage to delicate equipment; other causes, such as voltage spikes and multiple grounding paths, can also create problems. Even minor surges can cause a malfunction, which could require the device to be reset or even cause permanent damage.

The surge protection system outlined in this article could apply to nearly any residential or commercial setting, as well as agricultural facilities, such as livestock buildings, dairy farms

or greenhouses.

A properly installed surge suppression system includes several levels of protection. Beginning at the site of the utility service entrance, place a lightning arrestor, and continue the protection to each of the building's subpanels, individual circuits and outlets that supply electricity to delicate equipment. Each level of protection is designed to remove a portion of the surge not eliminated by the preceding level.

The last level of protection is provided at the individual device, where the lowest level of harmful disturbances will be filtered out.

In practice, many buildings won't need all of the levels of protection. But, providing protection only at the circuit level or electrical outlet is not sufficient to guard against high-energy surges that cause permanent damage. Balance your investment in protection with the degree of loss you might face if the device goes down. If you own expensive electric equipment, or if your business relies heavily on sensitive

devices, the best bet is to provide protection at all levels.

Experts recommend that the following components be included in any surge protection system:

- Lightning arrestor on main service entrance or pole;
- Low-resistance grounding that is interconnected in a solid network;
- Surge arrestor (category A or B) in the building service panel; and
- Secondary arrestor (category A) at the individual circuit to which the electronic device is attached.

To learn more, contact your electric power supplier, equipment manufacturer, or an experienced electrician. Remember, no amount of surge protection will guarantee absolute reliability. But, by understanding the causes of power quality problems and the components needed in a well-designed protection system, you can avoid a costly loss in equipment and income.

WALLPAPER

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wall that you want to become a focal point. A beautiful floral could be a brilliant idea for a two-story staircase wall.

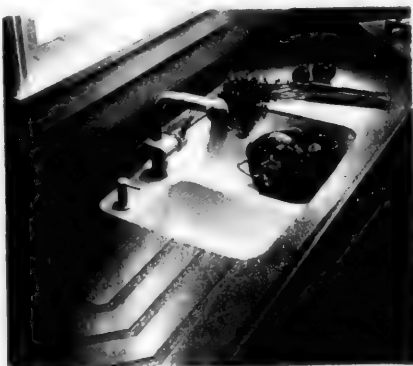
Defining walls

Ms. Lazarow warns that a wallpaper design shouldn't simply stop in the middle of a wall.

"Find a logical break," she says. "It could be where kitchen cabinets end or where there is a partition. If there is no break, you could add an upright beam. Or, if the pattern is floral, you could cut the edge so it follows the flowers and leaves; this is a very decorative look.

Ms. Lazarow also recommends the use of borders to help unite multifunctional areas, break the heights of multi-storied walls and add design interest. There are borders that mimic classic architectural looks, such as egg-and-dart, rope and dentil moldings; others are sculpted to follow the outlines of swags, garlands of ivy or flowers and flowing ribbons. But, whatever you choose, try to use borders imaginatively. On tall walls, think of using a border at two different heights. For architectural interest, combine two or more borders that mimic classic building details. And, for rooms that need warmth and charm, add a traditional border, perhaps a swagged look or bouquets of lush flowers.

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SPARE ROOM

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"People sometimes go in blankly, without thinking what they will use the room for," says Mr. Girard.

Sue Adams, an interior designer and the owner of Sue Adams Interiors in Andover, says that another mistake people make is just assuming that the way to

beautify an extra room is by placing all of one's spare furniture in there.

"People often put their spare furniture in the spare room, and it doesn't become the room and it doesn't serve a function," says Ms. Adams. "If you look at the rooms in your house as percentages of total real estate investment, you don't want to misuse rooms because it's like misusing money."

Before setting out to decorate a room, Mr. Girard says that it is imperative to answer the question, "What do you possibly think you are going to use this room for?"

Options for a spare room include a home office, an exercise room, a sunroom, a playroom, a theme room or a spare bedroom.

If one decides to redecorate a room as a spare bedroom, one of the first decisions involves the size of the bed that will be placed in the room; it is important to make sure the bed chosen will fit nicely into the room, according to Ms. Adams.

Ms. Adams says that the right reading lamp and chair can help transform a spare bedroom into a home away from home for guests.

"Make the room comfortable. It's a place that you want to say 'welcome' to your friends and family," she says.

"If you don't want them to visit too often, don't make it too comfortable," she jokes.

Mr. Girard suggests personalizing a spare bedroom if you know that one specific

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Girard says to consider their individual styles. "At a very young age, kids have their own personalities, so you might want to use a theme," he says.

For very young children, Mr. Girard advises using furniture in the playroom with rounded edges, so that the children will not get seriously hurt if they fall against the furniture. Also, it is best to use bright colors and put most things at a child's eye level, says Mr. Girard.

Ms. Adams says that people might want to carefully consider the location of a spare room before turning it into a playroom.

"If it's a playroom for toddlers or preschoolers, I would say to make sure it's close to the kitchen, so that mom can keep an eye on (the children)," says Ms. Adams.

Locks on both doors and windows are important in a playroom in order to ensure the safety of the children, according to Ms. Adams. She

person will be using the room repeatedly. "You can ask yourself, 'What is that person's favorite color?'" says Mr. Girard.

When decorating a playroom for children, Mr.

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also says that existing chairs and tables can be cut down to the height of small children before being placed in a playroom.

Many people enjoy redecorating a spare room as a sunroom. Mr. Girard says that many sunrooms look great with a wide multitude of plants, including both floor and ceiling plants. It is important to arrange the plants so that they figure prominently in the room without obstructing the view of the outdoors, according to Mr. Girard. He also cautions that it may be necessary to place shades on any large windows in a potential sunroom, in case the sun is felt too strongly during certain times of the day.

Ms. Adams warns that before creating a sunroom, make sure that the room in question is well exposed to the sun. She also recommends dropping the level of the windows in the room, saying that this will enable visitors to the room to feel like they are outdoors.

When changing a spare room into an office, one must consider who will be

primarily using the office, Mr. Girard says.

"You need to make (the home office) user friendly to the people who will be using it," he says.

Mr. Girard advises people to consider color, spacing and accessibility when

"Make the room comfortable. It's a place that you want to say 'welcome' to your friends and family," says Sue Adams.

creating a home office.

For those thinking about adding an exercise room, Ms. Adams says that the first step is ensuring that the floor of the room can handle the weight of the exercise equipment. One must also consider the composition of the floor, since

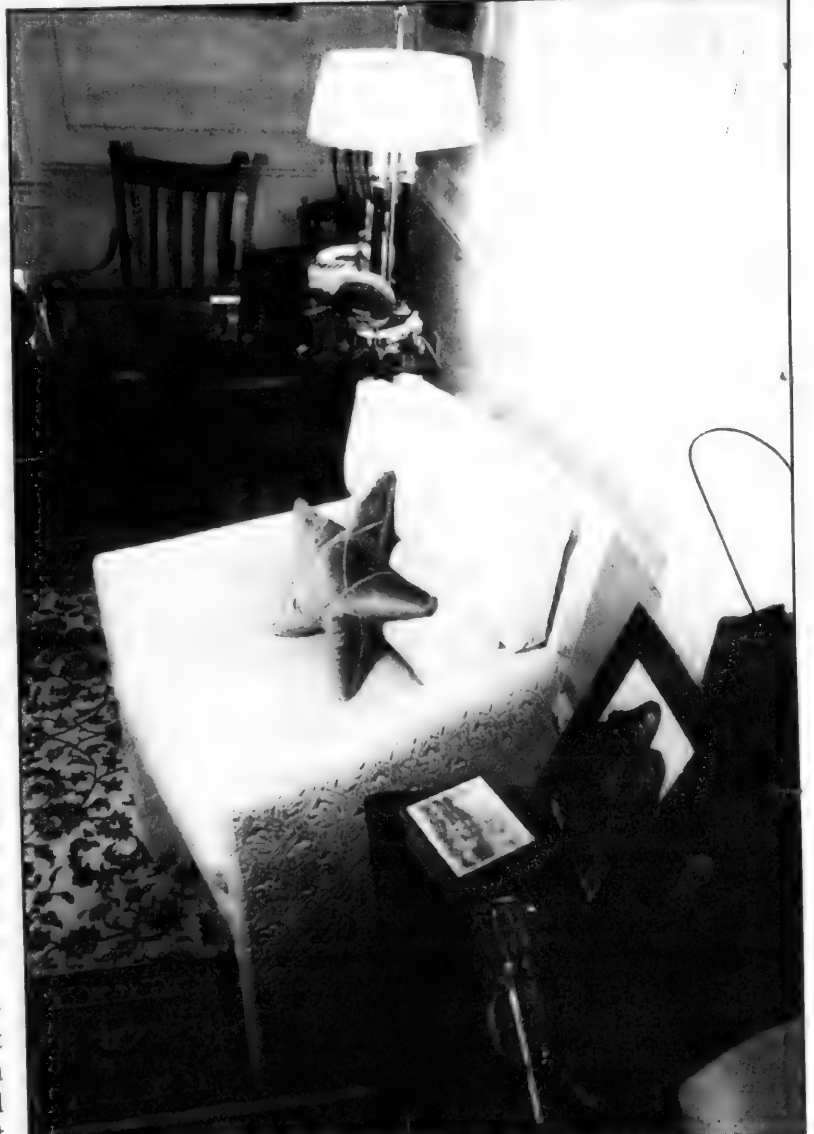
doing an activity such as step aerobics on a cement floor will not be good for joints or ligaments.

"I would recommend putting a quality mirror in the exercise room. An inexpensive mirror will give you a poor self image," says Ms. Adams.

Some people may want to embellish a spare room lavishly or outlandishly. Mr. Girard recalls a former customer who used her old prom dress as the centerpiece for a room in her house. "This item invokes wonderful memories for that woman," says Mr. Girard. "(The dress) was the focus of the room, so we looked at the colors, then we worked off of that."

One must find a theme or inspiration before deciding to decorate a room in an unusual way, according to Mr. Girard. He notes that personal collections often look great in spare rooms.

A spare room "is a perfect opportunity to live out a fantasy. You can make it a theme room or a period room. You could make it like a tropical island," says Ms. Adams.



Sue Adams, owner of Sue Adams Interiors in Andover, says a spare room "is a perfect opportunity to live out a fantasy."

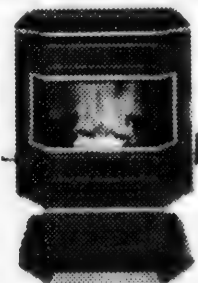
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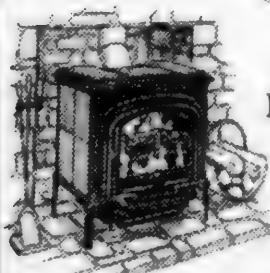


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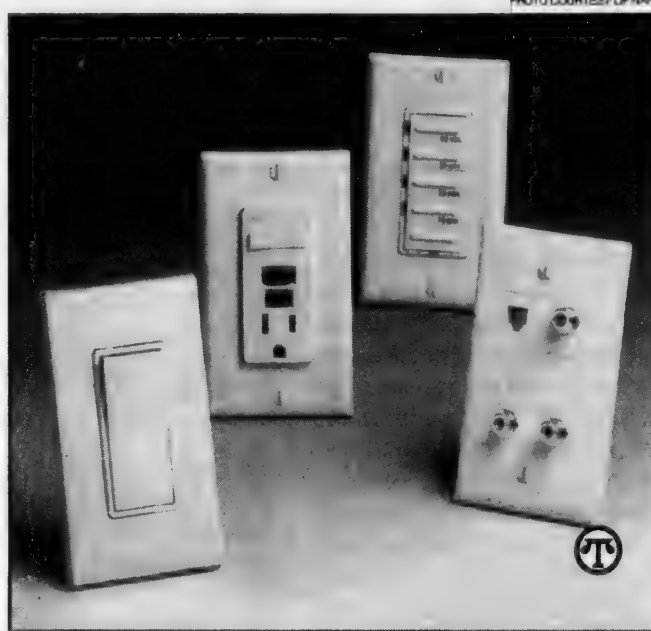
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(NAPS) – Homeowners often overlook the obvious when remodeling – upgrading the wiring devices throughout their homes. But, the majority of wiring devices in homes today were designed more than 50 years ago – before the advent of microwave ovens, computers and other high-tech electronics.

Thinking outside the box may just mean thinking about the electrical boxes scattered throughout your home and the many new technologies designed to replace old-fashioned toggle switches and wall outlets. The changeovers can be made simply and cost-effectively, while adding greater convenience, safety and energy savings to your home. Here are a few ideas for adding value to your home:

- Replace old-fashioned toggle switches with designer-styled rocker switches; these are available with illuminated rockers that serve as switch locators in darkened areas or with pilot lights that glow when a load is on. Finish off your new switch with a screwless snap-on wallplate to achieve an attractive look that instantly adds value to your home.
- Replace plug-in surge strips with surge-protected receptacles that protect your home's sensitive electronics, while eliminating the clutter of plug-in strips.
- Replace wall switches with dimmers. Dimmers let you control light levels to match mood and task requirements. Plus, they save as much as 30 percent off of your electric bill. Many sleek, all-digital models are available.
- Replace switches with electronic timers that automatically switch lighting and home appliances on and off while saving energy. The devices feature four preset time buttons



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in increments ranging from a few minutes to several hours and count down to shut off controlled loads when the selected time interval expires. Say goodbye to noisy rotary timers of the past.

• Replace a switch with an occupancy sensor wall switch; these install in place of a wall switch and automatically turn lights on when someone enters a room and off after they leave, adding convenience and energy savings.

• Replace switches and receptacles with a home control system. The easiest systems to install use the home's existing wiring as a network for automated lighting and appliance control. Standard switches and receptacles are replaced with transmitter and receiver modules that send and receive command signals over the AC power line.

Get the lowdown on ladder safety

(NAPS) – Following a few simple safety tips may help reduce the number of ladder-related mishaps at home and at work.

Every year in the United States, nearly 300 people die in mishaps involving ladders, and more than 175,000 people are injured.

The CLIMB Academy Ladder Safety Training Program offers the following suggestions to all ladder users:

• Choose it right: Always select the right climbing equipment for the job.

Never use a metal ladder when working near electricity. Don't use a stepladder for jobs that require an extension ladder. Check the ladder's Duty Rating to see if the ladder can support the combined weight of you and your tools.

• Look closely: Inspect the ladder before every use for any damage or missing parts.

• Insure a safe, stable ladder setup: Make sure all of the feet are set on a firm, level surface, and use a ladder tie-down device to secure the ladder and improve the stability of extension ladders during elevated projects. When moving the ladder, be aware of its size and surroundings. At least two people should move long or heavy ladders.

• Move slowly and carefully: Always

have three points of contact on the ladder.

Before beginning your ascent, be sure to clean off any substances that may cause you to slip. The "Belt Buckle Rule"

is one way to remember the proper climbing position. Simply keep your belt buckle positioned between the side rails at all times and do not over-reach. When working on a ladder, you should be able to reach what you are working on comfortably.

• Become an expert on ladder safety, not a statistic.

If a ladder fails any safety check, don't use it. The ladder should be repaired with factory-authorized parts or discarded immediately.



Always select the right climbing equipment for the job.

SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

Tea and hats lead off SVWC's 79th season

The Shawsheen Village Woman's Club of Andover opened its 79th annual season last month with a tea at Memorial Hall Library. Preceding the tea, Barbara Schofield, a noted raconteur, presented more than 50 hats she has collected over the years. The hats ranged from elegant, to casual, to comical, accompanied by appropriate commentary. The ladies of the club also displayed their favorite hats.

In November, the club held its annual guest night at Giordano's Dinner Theater, where a trio of musicians entertained with musical skits.

The December meeting featured the Colonial Chapter of Sweet Adelines based in Concord. The women serenaded with holiday melodies in the barbershop harmony style. A special prize winning quartet also performed.

AVIS, AMC plan cross-country ski

The Andover Village



◀ Shawsheen Village Women's Club members model hats at the opening meeting. From left are: Michael Beckerman, Betty Keefe, Betty Klaiman, Libby Shea, Helen Davey, Mary Hamilton, Adele Fyfe and Mary Tayler.

Improvement Society (AVIS) and the Andover chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) will jointly sponsor an annual outdoor breakfast of hot drinks and doughnuts at Harold Rafton Reservation on High Plain Road on Sunday, Jan. 28.

All ages and all levels of experience are welcome. The hike/cross-country ski is about two miles through beautiful woodlands, according to organizers.

Those interested should meet at 10 a.m. at the parking lot off High Plain Road at the leaf disposal area on the top of Bald Hill. For more information, call David Dargie at 454-1206, or Burt Batcheller at 475-3665 (at work).



AVIS and AMC members enjoy last year's breakfast in the woods.

Celebrate winter! Appalachian Mountain Club Andover chapter plans trips for January, February

The Andover chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club plans the following trips for the rest of January and February:

► Sunday, Jan. 21, cross-country ski or hike; Merrimack River Trail, Andover, meet at 1:30 p.m. at Agilent sign, Minuteman Drive, Andover; Fred Snell 686-3647 or <fsnell@mediaone.net>.

► Sunday, Jan. 28, cross-country ski or hike; Harold Rafton Reservation, meet at 10 a.m., parking lot off High Plain Road, top of Bald Hill, suitable for all ages and abilities, hot drinks and doughnuts/muffins provided; David Dargie 454-1206 or <Dgdargie@aol.com>, or Burt Batcheller 475-3665.

► Feb. 9-11, annual Mountain Fare In An Ski Weekend, Waterville Valley, cost is \$128 for two nights, two breakfasts, and Saturday dinner; register by Jan. 27 with Judy Barthakur, 26 Derby Lane, Tyngsboro, MA 01879; or call (978) 649-4994.

► Sunday, Feb. 11, Moonlight ski or walk Goldsmith Reservation, Andover. Ski through pine forest across frozen pond with warming fire at end. Bring thermos of warm beverage. Meet at 6:45 p.m., Goldsmith trail head, Route 28, Andover; Burt Batcheller at Moor and Mountain, 475-3665, days.

► Sunday, Feb. 25, two-hour walk through dunes to Castle Hill, Crane Beach, Ipswich, meet at 1:30 p.m., near bath house in parking lot, parking fee is \$5; Margarita Milot 682-8924.

Stephanopoulos visits area on Jan. 29

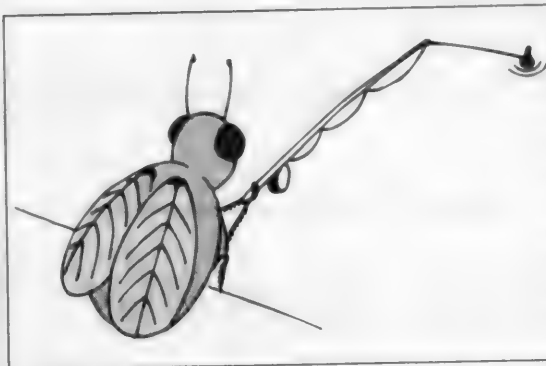
George Stephanopoulos will appear at Merrimack College after all. Postponed twice in November due to his commitments related to the presidential election, his lecture has been rescheduled for Monday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m.

All tickets from the original November date will be honored at the event, which is sold out.

Stephanopoulos, political analyst and former adviser to President Bill Clinton, is the inaugural speaker for a new speaker series co-sponsored by the Friends of Merrimack and *The Eagle-Tribune* newspaper. The event will be held at the Rogers Center for the Arts on the Merrimack College campus.

Ticket holders who want to request a refund or have further questions may call the office of the Friends of Merrimack at Merrimack College at 837-5117 or 837-5121 during regular business hours.

Stephanopoulos, who served as senior adviser for policy and strategy under Clinton, will draw upon his political career to provide analysis and predictions on events in Washington and around the world, including the current state of American politics, international relations, and the new global economy.



◀ Catching flies? — Everyone has their own idea of what fly-fishing entails. Andover Fly Fishers will set everyone straight at their second annual month-long fishing program, at the Library.

'Fish On!' at Memorial Hall Library

Memorial Hall Library and the Andover Fly Fishers will kick off "Fish On! Andover 2001," their second annual month-long series of fishing programs and exhibits related to fishing.

The series will run weekly on Thursday evenings from Jan. 25 through Feb. 15. Members of the Andover Fly Fishers will demonstrate fly-tying at 6 p.m., followed by the program at 7. These programs are free to the public.



On Jan. 25, Jamie Worth will discuss "Large and Small Mouth Bass Fishing Techniques." Worth is one of the pro staff for Brook Cove Marine, Champion Boats, and Johnson Motors. He was the Bass Tacklers Angler of Year in 1996. He was Mass. Bass Federation Tournament director in 1999 and 2000, and qualified for bass regionals in 2000 and 2001. He has had 30-plus career wins.

The following week, Feb. 1, Bob Mitchell will speak on "Bay Striper Fishing - Rye coast, Hampton estuary, Lynn, Nahant, and Winthrop." Mitchell is the senior editor of *Fly Fishing New England Magazine*, former first charter member of the United Fly-Tyers, and longtime member of Trout Unlimited. He has been tying his own flies for more than 50 years and fly fishing as long. He was born and raised in what he calls "the fly-fishing hotbed of Revere, Mass."

On Feb. 8, Jack Gartside tells about his "Adventures in Fly Fishing." Gartside has been fly-fishing for over 40 years. He has been considered by many to be among the most talented and

innovative and prolifically inventive tyers of the modern era, for both fresh and salt water. He has been profiled in *Sports Illustrated*, *Fly Rod & Reel*, *Fly Fisherman*

Magazine, and *Fly Fishing in Salt Waters*. Gartside is the author of *Striper Flies*, the first book ever written dealing specifically with this subject. His book *Striper Strategies* has been described by reviewer Steve Raymond as: "...one of the most remarkable striper-fishing manuals to see the light of day."

The final week, Feb. 15, features Ed Lombardo's slide presentation on "Inside Great Outdoor Games 2000 & Fly Fishing for Trout in New England." He will show how he ties some of the most productive flies, step by step with slides. Lombardo will also talk about water anatomy, riffles, seams and how to fish terrestrials, ants, hoppers, warps, beetles, and inchworms.

Combined with the speakers program, a separate display room will be set aside for literature, catalogs, and magazines from selected manufacturers. Interesting fishing equipment, flies, tackle, maps, and photographs will also be on display through the month.

Fly-tying demonstrations by members of the Andover Fly Fishers will also be held from 6 to 7 p.m. before the fishing programs begin, and a fishing video will be shown.

For more information, contact Norma Gammon, community service coordinator, at 623-8401, Ext. 49.

NEWS FOR SENIORS

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Jan. 26 at 9:30 a.m. Our presenters will be Dr. Anthony Turiano, Diane Blake, and attorney Monica Aranguren, who will speak from various perspectives on the Five Wishes document (which will be available at the meeting.) Five Wishes is a new document that helps people prepare for end-of-life decisions. It has been featured

twice on the *Today Show* and is being widely distributed across the country. This is the first living will to address not only a person's medical wishes, but personal, emotional and spiritual issues as well. It has been written to meet the legal requirements of 34 states, including Massachusetts. Mark your calendars and plan to make a reservation to attend this

informative and important presentation.

Valentine Celebration:

You won't want to miss our one-woman musical program "Yankee Doodle Dandy," a tribute to the life and music of George M. Cohen. Come join us for this spirited tribute to the man who wrote some of America's most stirring and patriotic songs as performed by Judy Bernstein. Show time is Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at the center on a first-come basis for \$3.

Business

Business briefs...

Andover resident heads national materials group

John C. Hebeisen, president, Bodycote IMT Inc., Andover, was elected president of the Advanced Particulate Materials Association (APMA). Affiliated with the Metal Powder Industries Federation, APMA represents companies that make special products from metal powders and particulate materials produced by advanced production techniques such as hot and cold isostatic pressing, direct powder rolling, activated sintering, rapid solidification, spray forming and mechanical alloying. These technologies are used to make aircraft engine components, valve lifters for truck diesel engines, high-speed tool steels and parts used in off-shore oil drilling.

He joined IMT in 1980 and was named president in 1997. He lives in Andover with his wife, Marge.

Andover's NEAR directors

More than 200 members of the Northeast Association of Realtors (NEAR) gathered recently at the Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover for the official installation of James W. Haley as the association's 2001 president. The organization represents more than 1,000 realtors throughout the Merrimack and Nashoba valleys, as well as nearly 200 affiliate members.

NEAR 2001 directors who were installed include Steven Fischelli of RE/MAX Preferred in Andover. Members of the NEAR leadership serving as directors of the Massachusetts Association of Realtors for 2001 who were installed include Bernadette Gibson of Coldwell Banker Hunneman-Victor in Andover.

Friendly: Valentine, cones for Easter Seals

For the 20th consecutive year, local Friendly restaurants will conduct "Cones for Kids" from Jan. 14 to Feb. 14.

Proceeds from local fund-raising events will support Easter Seals services for people with disabilities in Massachusetts. For a \$1 donation to Easter Seals, "Cones For Kids" offers customers five kids' Valentine cards, each redeemable for a free Friendly kid cone. Or, customers can choose a coupon book with over \$14 in coupons.

Friendly has raised close to \$19 million over the years to fund Easter Seals services nationwide.

10 get Partners honor

Ten Andover residents were among the 3,000 employees of the Partners HealthCare system to receive excellence awards.

The Partners In Excellence Award was

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Is traffic good? For some businesses, yes

By Rebecca Piro

Traffic is one of the most talked-about issues in Andover these days — but is it good or bad for Andover? To great degree, that may depend on whether you're talking to business owners or residents.

Traffic in Andover is "a double-edged sword," says Planning Director Steve Colyer. "Traffic is like a hydra — there are a lot of different heads to it, some good and some bad."

Residents complain about the excessive traffic blocking local streets and clogging intersections, he says. Others flock to Planning Board meetings, to pose traffic concerns to the board and developers, and make sure that new homes and businesses won't add to already congested or dangerous conditions. But at the same time, local businesses often thrive on the extra business that traffic brings.

"Most of the complaints that you hear about traffic in town from residents have to do with what they observe on local streets. On the same token, the businesses love it," Colyer says.

When Genetics Institute proposed adding to its facility in Ballardvale, residents revolted. Angry at the thought of more workers cutting through residential areas to avoid highway traffic, some Ballardvale residents called for signs that would restrict traffic on their streets to "residents only." However, Ballardvale small-business owners resisted the change, saying they rely on the



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Spelled out — The "Residents only" signs in Ballardvale clearly highlighted the resident vs. business problem.

drive-by traffic generated by workers cutting through Andover streets on the way to Andover's industrial zones.

Traffic on Interstates 93 and 495, while a hassle for Andover residents commuting to work elsewhere, may also help Andover's tax base. Some businesses move to Andover because traffic congestion makes them believe they need to be located in Andover if they are to attract workers and customers from both Southern New Hampshire and the Boston area.

The Wyndham Hotel has also tried to benefit from highway gridlock, launching a new sales ploy this winter called their "snow rate."

"If it's snowing out and the roads are bad, you (could) call the hotel

that day and reference the snow rate," says a Wyndham sales representative.

The snow rate — advertised with the phrase, "Don't let the commute slow you down this winter!" — is targeted at workers facing typical Andover and highway traffic, plus bad weather, she says. The hotel hopes the weary commuter will pull over and spend the night for a reduced rate, rather than leave Andover to battle the traffic and snow.

But the residents who have had it with traffic on their local streets have a good point, argues Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority Administrator Joe Costanzo.

"Traffic is really at a point here where it is unmanageable," he says. "It's not a good quality-of-life thing." It's important to have a strong traffic flow through town to support the local businesses, but it's just as important that residents don't feel trapped in their own community, he says.

Costanzo thought that the traffic could be combatted by building structured parking in downtown Andover, providing more spaces for commuters and local patrons. But town officials like Selectmen Chairman Brian Major turned down that option last month, stating that creating additional parking on such a large scale would only bring more commuters and more traffic into town, exacerbating the problem.



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Two sides of the coin — While traffic can mean more headaches for residents, it can represent more opportunities for many businesses that help reduce the tax burden.

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Professional Profile



Attorney Marybeth McInnis

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Attorney Marybeth McInnis grew up in North Andover and continues to live in the community with her husband. She is a member of the American Bar Association and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. She is also Co-President of the Friends of Merrimack College and is licensed to practice in New Hampshire as well as Massachusetts.

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One of the best

Amy Seball, sales associate with RE/MAX Preferred in Andover, has been recognized by her company for

outstanding third-quarter sales achievements. Seball's sales volume ranks her as one of the top five RE/MAX associates from more than 900 associates in Massachusetts.

Nothing like a Dame

Andover's Joe Ponti and his fellow volunteer guides, who provide tours of the Statehouse, recently attended a holiday party showing the state's appreciation for their work. Secretary of the Commonwealth William Francis Galvin greeted the guide group, known as The Doric Dames Inc. They are a non-profit organization established in 1969.

The Statehouse is open for tours Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call (617) 727-3676 for reservations.

Carroll gets award

The Council of Residential Specialists has awarded Tom Carroll, a broker with RE/MAX Preferred, the Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) designation.

Carroll is the chairman of the Commercial Investment Committee of the North East Association of Realtors and president of the Service Club of Andover. He lives in Andover with his wife, Mary, and their four children.

Resident among correction officers honored

Members of the office of Middlesex Sheriff James V. DiPaola earned praise by Massachusetts Governor A. Paul Cellucci and Massachusetts Secretary of Public Safety Jane Perlov at the Massachusetts Correction Officer of the Year Award Ceremony last month.

Held in the Great Hall at historic Faneuil Hall, the ceremony honored 36 state correction officers and employees of the state and county's houses of correction and jails.

Deputy Antonio DaCunha of Andover, Captain Michael Perroni of Wakefield and Officer Richard Jones of Dracut received the

Massachusetts Correction Officer of the Year Group Award. The award, presented by Cellucci, Perlov and DiPaola was given to the three officers for their capture of an escaped work release inmate. On June 21, 2000, the three officers were returning five work-release inmates to the Billerica House of Correction from their daily work assignments when one of the inmates inside the prisoner-transportation van began assaulting another inmate. While the officers were



Left to right: Middlesex Sheriff James V. DiPaola, Deputy Antonio DaCunha of Andover, Captain Michael Perroni, Correction Officer Richard Jones and Gov. Paul Cellucci

putting a stop to the assault, another inmate in the van fled the scene. Initially running into the woods along Route 3, the inmate elected to return to the highway and made several dangerous forays into the rush-hour traffic attempting to flag down a ride, says the sheriff's office. The inmate was recaptured by the three officers and taken to the Billerica House of Correction where it was determined that he was suffering from suicidal thoughts and impulses.

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Sports

A pair of hot varsity basketball matchups this weekend

By Rick Harrison

The Dunn Gym will be rocking this weekend with a pair of showdown basketball games Friday and Saturday night between the Andover and Central Catholic girls and boys teams.

If you're planning to attend, it might be wise to get there early because both games are expected to attract SRO crowds.

The undefeated AHS girls take center stage tomorrow night (Friday) when they host likewise-unbeaten Central in the first of two games to determine the best team in the Merrimack Valley Conference this winter.

Both enter with 11-0 overall records and 8-0 conference marks.

"Our kids are excited and really looking forward to the challenge," said Lady Warriors' coach Jim Tildsley. "I think our teams match up well and it will be very interesting to see what happens."

Central has a balanced attack led by Caitlin Riley, Angela Lucier, Alana McNeil, Lyndi Savastano, Brigid Hegarty and Zibby McCleary.

Things don't get any easier after Central leaves town, as the next game is Tuesday night at the Dunn Gym (6:30 p.m.) against undefeated Division 1 South powerhouse Brockton.

"That should be a good one as well," said Tildsley. "But right now our focus is on Central Catholic. That's the league and that's the one we really want."

The Andover-Central girls rematch is Feb. 6 at Central. Five of the final seven regular season games are away from home.

Twenty-four hours later, on Saturday night, it will be the boys turn as defending MVC Division 1 champ Andover hopes to derail a Central

Catholic team that currently shares first place with Haverhill and has a one game lead over coach Dave Fazio's Golden Warriors.

Central is undefeated in league play at 5-0, and the Raiders are 9-2 overall after demolishing Tewksbury on Tuesday night.

AHS, which has been off for almost a week since losing to undefeated Brockton last Sunday, is 7-4 overall and 5-2 in league play.

Central's Joel Gil is averaging close to 20 points and eight rebounds per game, while other top players for coach Dick Licare's Raiders include Tom Sipsey, Mike Novak, Ray Nunez and Darren Shaw.

The archrivals collided in the opening round of the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament on Dec. 23.

Andover took a three-point half-time lead before Central made the necessary adjustments and pulled away in the final 16 minutes for a 49-40 victory.

The 40 points were by far the least scored by Andover this season, as the locals have had at least 59 in every other game.

ICE HOCKEY

The Andover High varsity hockey team stretched its longest win streak in several years to five games with recent victories over Chelmsford (4-2) and Methuen (7-1) at the Merrimack Valley Forum.

Those wins boosted head coach Bill Cullen's crew to 6-2-1 overall and 4-0-1 as co-leader with defending champ Boston Latin in Division 2 of the Merrimack Valley/Dual County League.

Andover's last non-loss to Chelmsford was a 2-2 tie in the 1991-'92 sea-

son, and the Lions held a 10-0-1 edge in the previous 11 meetings.

Although the Golden Warriors have had two five-game unbeaten streaks in recent years, the last time AHS won five or more hockey games in a row was between Dec. 27, 1994 and Jan. 18, 1995 when the locals ripped off seven straight victories and went on to win 10 of 11 during a month-long stretch.

"We're doing a lot of little things we didn't do last year. That's the difference between winning and losing," explained coach Cullen, whose victory over Methuen was his 90th at Andover.

Schedule

After two more home games this week against Central Catholic (yesterday) and Lincoln-Sudbury (Saturday), the Golden Warriors will spend virtually the remainder of the regular season on the road with seven of their final nine games on enemy ice beginning with a contest at Billerica High's Hallenborg Rink next Wednesday night (7 p.m.).

Scoring leaders

Dennis Moran led the way after nine games with 10 goals and 11 assists for 21 points. Steve Johnson had five goals and seven assists for 12 points and Mike Corey six goals, four assists for 10 points.

Andover 4 Chelmsford 2

Dennis Moran scored a pair of goals to lead the Golden Warriors to one of their most impressive victories in years.

Beating Division 1 Chelmsford for the first time in a long time, the Golden Warriors snapped a scoreless tie with three goals just two minutes, 13

seconds apart early in the middle period.

Steve Johnson notched a power play goal at 1:16 of the second session, with assists to Mike Corey and Brendan Gleason.

Defenseman Gleason had the puck at the point and passed it down low to Corey. He fed a pass across to Johnson at the open far side of the net, and a quick shot beat Chelmsford goaltender Scott Silva.

Jeff Vallera made it 2-0 with an unassisted goal 67 seconds later.

The puck deflected off a Chelmsford defenseman and went to Vallera, who started up ice on a breakaway. He lost the puck momentarily in the Lions' zone, but regained control and lifted a shot over Silva's right shoulder.

Moran boosted the lead to 3-0 a mere 66 seconds later, outmuscling a Lions' defender and emerging from a scramble in front of the Chelmsford net to fire home a low shot. Line-mates Corey and Johnson assisted.

A costly mistake late in the second period enabled the visitors to climb back into contention.

"We took a double-minor for slashing and Chelmsford capitalized by scoring twice during the three-minute penalty," said coach Cullen. "It got them right back in the game."

Ted Reardon notched the first power play goal at 11:14, and Josh Achernicht trimmed the deficit to 3-2 just 53 seconds later (12:07).

But that was as close as the visitors came.

Golden Warriors' netminder Mike Thompson stopped all seven Chelmsford shots in the third period, and Moran added an insurance goal 44 seconds into the stanza when he took a pass from defenseman Tim LeGrow and snapped off a shot from the top of

the right faceoff circle.

"The defensive play of (George) Lewis, (Mike) Anderson, Gleason and LeGrow was terrific," said Cullen.

Senior center Chris Cataldo took a hard leg check above the knee in the second period. The injury was not as serious as first feared and Cataldo returned to play hard and well in the final session.

Thompson and Silva both finished with 19 saves as Andover held a slim 23-21 shots-on-goal edge.

Andover 7 Methuen 1

What was anticipated as another nailbiter between these archrivals turned into a lopsided win when 15 Methuen players were suspended before the game for violation of team rules.

"We basically had to go with a JV group out there," said Rangers' head coach Joe Robillard. "We hung in with Andover until the third period — but they eventually wore us down."

Junior defenseman George Lewis gave the Golden Warriors a 1-0 lead with the first of his two goals at 13:22 of the opening period.

Derek Wakeen pulled Methuen (4-3-1) even at 5:39 of the middle period, but goals by Dennis Moran (8:32) and Brendan Gleason (13:24) late in the same stanza gave AHS the lead for good.

The third session belonged to Andover as the locals outshot Methuen, 19-2, and pumped in four more goals four minutes apart by Moran (6:09), Peter Burbank (power play at 8:49), Steve Johnson (9:51) and Lewis (unassisted at 10:15).

Johnson also passed out three assists, Moran and Tim LeGrow set

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John Stearns (center) is determined to get to the puck. Andover stretched its longest win streak since early 1995 to five games with recent victories over Chelmsford and Methuen (pictured) at the Valley Forum.



Brendan Gleason had one of the two goals late in the middle period that iced the Warriors' lead over Methuen.

Photos by Tim Jean

ANDOVER CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

By Rick Harrison

Three teams remain undefeated after four weeks of play in the Andover Church Basketball League's Senior Boys and Senior Girls Divisions.

In the 11-team boys division, only St. Augustine F remains perfect at 4-0. On the girls side, St. Augustine B and St. Augustine C are tied for the top with 4-0 records.

ANDOVER CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUE at AHS Field House Girls Senior Division

WEEK 4

St. Robert's A 24

St. Augustine A 23

SRA: Ashley Ahern 8 pts; Sara Kelleher 6 pts; Allison Brown, Julie Marton, Christina Pierro, Christa Sharis, Gina Tassinari 2 pts. each. **SAA:** Jessica Prencipe 9 pts; Chelsea McCabe, Meghan Keefe 6 pts. each; Jenny Hagopian 2 pts. **Halftime:** St. Augustine A, 17-10.

St. Augustine C 44

St. Robert's B 22

SAC: Annmarie Baraby 10 pts; Kelsey Farrell 8 pts; Catherine Charlebois, Briga Heelan, Brittany Pierce 6 pts. each; Kelsey Shaw 4 pts; MaryCate Connors, Caroline Pierce 2 pts. each. **SRB:** Kara McCall, Maureen Gaj 8 pts. each; Samantha Berger, Molly Lieberman, Meredith Mooney 2 pts. each. **Halftime:** St. Augustine C, 18-10.

St. Augustine B 19

West Parish 17 (2ot)

SAB: Michelle Pirro 6 pts; Libby Fortier, Andrea Martin 4 pts. each; Maura Daniels, Maggie Lamond 2 pts. each; Danielle Richards 1 pt. **WEST:** Meredith Peck 6 pts; Marie Provencher 5 pts; Paige Shaffer 4 pts; Ali Nill 2 pts. **Halftime:** St. Augustine B, 15-10. **Note:** After a scoreless overtime period, Maggie Lamond scored underneath in sudden-death to end the game and keep SAB undefeated.

South Church 28

Christ Church 18

SOUTH: Heather Fleming 14 pts; Colleen Irby 6 pts; Olivia Daher 4 pts; Caitrin Coffey, JeanMarie Gossard 2 pts. each. **CHRIST:** Noelle Petrillo 6 pts; Lexi Caffrey, Kerry Hill 4 pts. each; Anna Johnson, Jessica Ragnio 2 pts. each. **Halftime:** South Church, 16-14.

WEEK 3

St. Augustine B 23

Christ Church 6

SAB: Casey Salois 6 pts; Michelle Pirro 5 pts; Libby Fortier, Danielle Richards 4 pts. each; Maggie Lamond, Andrea Martin 2 pts. each. **CHRIST:** Leslie Barber 4 pts; Kerry Hill 2 pts. **Halftime:** St. Augustine B, 15-4.

St. Robert's B 33

St. Robert's A 14

SRB: Kara McCall 14 pts; Maureen Gaj 9 pts; Andrea Kurkul 8 pts; Samantha Berger 2 pts. **SRA:** Allison Brown 6 pts; Ashley Ahern 4 pts; Cait Delaney, Julie Marton 2 pts. each. **Halftime:** St. Robert's B, 23-10.

St. Augustine C 30

St. Augustine A 17

SAC: Annmarie Baraby 16 pts; Brittany Pierce 8 pts; Lauren Ciampa, MaryCate Connors, Kelsey Shaw 2 pts. each. **SAA:** Meghan Keefe 7 pts; Jessica Prencipe 6 pts; Sara Christopher, Chelsea McCabe 2 pts. each. **Halftime:** St. Augustine C, 16-11.

West Parish 25

South Church 18

WEST: Marie Provencher 8 pts; Meredith Peck 7 pts; Ali Nill, Leslie Peck, Sonia Righter, Paige Shaffer, Angela Tenney 2 pts. each. **SOUTH:** Heather Flemming 8 pts; Colleen Irby 4 pts; Caitrin Coffey, Olivia Daher, Donna Shin 2 pts. each. **Halftime:** West Parish, 13-6.

ANDOVER CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUE at AHS Field House Boys Senior Division

WEEK 4

St. Robert's A 24

St. Augustine D 22

SRA: Paul Schrader, Brandon Sullivan 6 pts. each; Chris Muscatello, Paul Sartori 4 pts. each; Danny Brennan, John Taylor 2 pts. each. **SAD:** Matt Josephson 16 pts; Mike Saba 4 pts; Andrew Whiting 2 pts. **Halftime:** St. Robert's A, 18-14.

St. Augustine F 41

St. Augustine A 20

SAF: Tom Tassinari 7 pts; Tyler Carroll, Eric Donahue, Brad Durkin 6 pts. each; Chris Gibson 4 pts; Mike Baldwin, Ben Ossoff 3 pts. each; Mike D'Angelo, Colin Hutzler, Chris Palmieri 2 pts. each. **SAA:** Mike Anderson 5 pts; Jacob Stamas, Tim Tuveson 4 pts. each; John Federico 3 pts; Mike Gianopoulos, Jared Taylor 2 pts. each. **Halftime:** St. Augustine F, 23-13. **Note:** SAF, with all 7th graders, appears to be the team to beat. No opposing team has been able to solve SAF's half-court zone trap.

Ballardvale United 29

St. Augustine C 24

BU: Jack Thorlin 8 pts; Matt Hogan 7 pts; Nathan Altshuler, Dan Robichaud 4 pts. each; Matt Malloy, David Ong, Colin Sullivan 2 pts. each. **SAC:** James Primes 9 pts; David Musto 8 pts; Rakesh Singh 4 pts; Steve Twomey 2 pts; Mike McSheehy 1 pt. **Halftime:** Ballardvale, 19-8.

St. Robert's B 39

South Church 22

SRB: Louis Peracchi 12 pts; Dan Vining 11 pts; Jimmy Muller 8 pts; John Fox 6 pts; Gabe Greeley 2 pts. **SOUTH:** Chris Robbat 7 pts; Frank Pierro 6 pts; Connor Beatty, Danny McDonnell 4 pts. each; Mark Rauseo 1 pt. **Halftime:** St. Robert's B, 22-12. **Note:** Guards Muller and Perracchi, and the inside work of Vining, sparked SRB past undermanned South.

Temple Emanuel 32

St. Augustine B 12

TEMPLE: Pardeep Thandi 8 pts; Joseph Savoca 6 pts; Eric Ginsberg, David Shack 4 pts. each; Matt Dion, Fletch Irby, Lenny Kublin, Brendon Orent, Mitch Turow 2 pts. each. **SAB:** Brian Coffey, Jerry Mohan, Adam Spang 4 pts. each. **Halftime:** Temple, 20-4.

WEEK 3

St. Augustine F 38

St. Augustine C 15

SAF: Mike D'Angelo, Colin Hutzler 6 pts. each; Mike Baldwin, Eric Donahue, Chris Gibson, Chris Palmieri, Tom Tassinari 4 pts. each; Brad Durkin, Mike Fortier, Ben Ossoff 2 pts. each. **SAC:** David Musto, Rakesh Singh 6 pts. each; James Primes 3 pts. **Halftime:** St. Augustine F, 16-8. **Note:** SAC led 6-0 early but could not solve SAF's devastating 3-2 half-court zone press.

St. Augustine A 30

St. Robert's A 27

SAA: Joe Fitzpatrick, Jacob Stamas 6 pts. each; Mike Anderson 5 pts; Greg Carroll, Tim Tuveson 4 pts. each; John Federico 3 pts; Andrew Hennessey 2 pts. **SRA:** Mike Barry 12 pts; Brian Thompson 5 pts; Brandon Sullivan 4 pts; Ryan Mann, Paul Sartori, Jon Taylor 2 pts. each. **Halftime:** St. Augustine A, 12-11. **Note:** SAA hit 6-of-9 free throws, including four straight by Fitzpatrick and Hennessey in the closing minutes, to key the victory.

St. Augustine E 42

St. Robert's B 15

SAE: Tom Cahill, Mike Cerchione 11 pts. each; John Formichella 10 pts; Matt Furness 4 pts; Ryan Greeley, Geoff Stevens, Jason Westgate 2 pts. each. **SRB:** Louis Peracchi 6 pts; Mike Ahern 4 pts; Devin Connors, Adam Nadelson 2 pts. each; Dan Vining 1 pt. **Note:** The rebounding strength of Cerchione and Formichella helped SAE control the game.

South Church 26

St. Augustine B 10

SOUTH: Max Ball 12 pts; Danny McDonnell 4 pts; Frank Pierro, R.J. Puntoni, Connor Beatty, Chris Robbat, Adam Rousmaniere 2 pts. each. **SAB:** Brian Coffey 8 pts; Jon Derby 2 pts. **Halftime:** South, 10-4.

Ballardvale United 17

Temple Emanuel 15

UNITED: Matt Hogan 9 pts; John Penny, Colin Sullivan, Alec Yount 2 pts. each; Nathan Altshuler, Jack Thorlin 1 pt. each. **TEMPLE:** Matt Dion 5 pts; Fletch Irby, Pardeep Thandi 4 pts. each; David Shack 2 pts. **Halftime:** Ballardvale, 7-6. **Note:** Hogan broke a 15-15 tie with an inside basket in the final two minutes of play.

WEEK 2

St. Augustine A 23

St. Augustine D 15

SAA: Joe Fitzpatrick 7 pts; Andrew Hennessey 5 pts; Mike Anderson 4 pts; Greg Carroll 3 pts; Mike Gianopoulos, Xavier Gath 2 pts. each. **SAD:** Patrick Hughes 6 pts; Matt Josephson 3 pts; Richard Corbin, Chris Herlich, Andrew Whiting 2 pts. each. **Halftime:** St. Augustine A, 15-6.

Ballardvale United 23

South Church 8

UNITED: Matt Hogan 6 pts; Jack Thorlin 5 pts; Nathan Altshuler, Matt Malloy 4 pts. each; Tyler Fitzpatrick, Colin Sullivan 2 pts. each. **SOUTH:** Max Ball, Adam Rousmaniere 4 pts. each. **Halftime:** Tied, 6-6.

St. Robert's A 38

St. Robert's B 19

SRA: Brian Thompson 14 pts; Mike Barry 8 pts; Brandon Sullivan 6 pts; Chris Muscatello, Jon Taylor 4 pts. each; Paul Schrader 2 pts. **SRB:** Dan Vining 5 pts; Mark Pereira, Louis Peracchi 4 pts. each; John Fox, Gabe Greeley, Adam Nadelson 2 pts. each. **Halftime:** St. Robert's A, 24-7.

Temple Emanuel 28

St. Augustine E 19

TEMPLE: Matt Dion 9 pts; Fletch Irby 6 pts; Pardeep Thandi 5 pts; Dave Shack 4 pts; Eric Ginsberg, Joe Savoca 2 pts. each. **SAE:** John Formichella 7 pts; Tommy Cahill, Mike Cerchione 4 pts. each; Matt Furness, Jason Westgate 2 pts. each.

WEEK 1

St. Augustine C 18

St. Augustine B 13

SAC: Rakesh Singh 5 pts; Mike McSheehy 4 pts; David Musto 3 pts; Shaheen Ghandchi, James Primes, Alex Tzavalas 2 pts. each. **SAB:** Jeremy Selwyn, Mike Stewart 4 pts. each; Jerry Mohan 3 pts; Brett Godefroi 2 pts. **Halftime:** St. Augustine C, 12-1.

St. Robert's B 37

St. Augustine D 29

SRB: Louis Peracchi 15 pts; Dan Vining 9 pts; Jimmy Muller 7 pts; Peter Brown, Adam Nadelson, Mark Pereira 2 pts. each. **SAD:** Matt Josephson 10 pts; Matt Jaroche 7 pts; Patrick Hughes, Mike Saba 3 pts. each; Rich Corbin, Chris Herlich, Andrew Whiting 2 pts. each. **Halftime:** St. Robert's B, 26-16. **Note:** Peracchi had all 15 pts. in the first half.

Temple Emanuel 34

South Church 30

TEMPLE: Fletch Irby 9 pts; Pardeep Thandi 8 pts; Matt Dion 6 pts; Dave Shack, Jason Sheldon 4 pts. each; Joe Savoca 3 pts. **SOUTH:** Max Ball 7 pts; Connor Beatty 6 pts; Danny McDonnell, R.J. Puntoni, Adam Rousmaniere 4 pts. each; Chris Robbat 3 pts; Greg Lewis 2 pts. **Halftime:** Temple Emanuel, 20-17. **Note:** South, last year's Intermediate Division champ, was outrebounded by taller Temple.

St. Augustine F 28

Ballardvale United 23

SAF: Tom Tassinari 13 pts; Mike D'Angelo 6 pts; Chris Palmieri 5 pts; Brad Durkin, Colin Hutzler 2 pts. each. **UNITED:** John Penny 10 pts; Matt Hogan 6 pts; Matt Malloy, Colin Sullivan, Jack Thorlin 2 pts. each; Nathan Altshuler 1 pt. **Halftime:** St. Augustine F, 16-9. **Note:** SAF used trapping half-court defense to key upset of older and taller BU.

St. Augustine E 33

St. Augustine A 13

SAE: John Formichella 10 pts; Tom Cahill 9 pts; Matt Furness 8 pts; Mike Cerchione, Eric Champion 2 pts. each; Ryan Greeley, Geoff Stevens 1 pt. each. **SAA:** Tim Tuveson 4 pts; Joe Fitzpatrick 3 pts; Greg Carroll, Mike Gianopoulos, Andrew Hennessey 2 pts. each. **Halftime:** St. Augustine E, 9-8. **Note:** Inside play of Formichella, corner shooting of Furness and guard play of Cahill led winners to 24-5 second-half edge. SAA missing key player John Federico (injury).

ACBL STANDINGS

Senior Boys Division

	W	L	PF	PA
St. Augustine F	4	0	135	64
Temple Emanuel	3	1	109	78
Ballardvale United	3	1	92	75
St. Augustine E	2	1	94	56
St. Robert's A	2	1	89	71
St. Robert's B	2	2	110	131
St. Augustine A	2	2	86	116
St. Augustine C	1	2	57	80
South Church	1	3	86	106
St. Augustine D	0	3	86	84
St. Augustine B	0	4	56	99

Senior Girls Division

	W	L	PF	PA
St. Augustine C	4	0	135	83
St. Augustine B	4	0	104	50
South Church	2	2	97	93
West Parish	2	2	89	84
Christ Church	2	2	69	78
St. Robert's B	1	3	84	104
St. Robert's A	1	3	63	90
St. Augustine A	0	4	76	108

AHS ROUNDUP

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up two goals each, and single assists went to Jon Ofria, Mike Anderson, Mike Corey and Steve Seero.

Mike Thompson played the first 42 minutes and Brandon Gatlin the final three in net for Andover, combining for nine saves as the winners held a huge 45-10 edge in shots.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Defending state champ Andover's talented 1-2 punch of Becky Hass and Kristin Elmore kicked it into high gear as Andover swept a Merrimack Valley Conference tri-meet from Chelmsford and Billerica at the Dunn Gym.

Hass posted a meet-best 35.30

score, with Elmore close behind at 35.05, as the Lady Warriors nailed a 137.30 to easily defeat Chelmsford at 127.775 and Billerica at 121.95.

AHS also cruised to a lopsided win over visiting Lowell in a Monday morning holiday meet, improving to 4-0 in the conference.

"We're still wondering how everything will fit together again this year," said AHS head coach Julie Chapman.

"We went for a score against Chelmsford and Billerica and did a decent job. There's nothing wrong with a 137.

"But there is still room for improvement. Our beam was better than the first meet (against Tewksbury), but there were still some falls.

We can clean it up and score higher.

"We should also be stronger on bars — which means our team score could jump one or two points over the next few weeks," said Chapman.

Andover 137.30
Chelmsford 127.775
Billerica 121.95

Becky Hass placed first on balance beam with an 8.9, and was second on the uneven bars (8.8), in floor exercise (8.9) and vault (8.6) on the way to her winning 35.30 all-around score.

Kristin Elmore posted the team's highest event score thus far this season with a 9.25 in floor, while she also placed first in vault (8.75), tied for third on bars (8.7) and tied for fourth on beam (8.35) on the way to her 35.05 all-around.

"Kristin has grown about an inch since last year," said coach Chapman. "She has to adjust to her new height by changing some of her routines, cutting out a move or two and adding new ones.

"As well as Kristin is scoring now — she will do even better once she gets accustomed to the difference (in height)."

Andover had three other top four finishers, Katie Cail tied for second on beam with a personal-best 8.5, Renee Fung tied for third in vault at 8.3 and Sheri Bernstein tied for third in floor at 8.85.

Bernstein also contributed strong efforts on bars (8.2) and beam (8.25).

Call added another personal



Photos by Tim Jean

Dustin Shea takes control near the glass. Methuen was the most recent victim of the Warriors' winning streak, which now stands at five games.

best score in floor with an 8.75, and she produced a 7.3 on bars.

Bahaar Massihzadegan competed in three events and posted an 8.6 in floor, 8.1 in vault and 7.4 on bars.

Fung chalked up an 8.1 on bars, while Gretchen Fuhr competed in two events and finished with an 8.1 in vault and 7.95 on beam.

Completing the AHS performers were Jackie Barry on beam (7.9), Katie McKain in vault (7.4) and Maureen Lothrop in floor (7.6).

The only non-Andover event winner was Billerica's Jen Jones, who placed first on bars with an 8.9. She was also third behind Hass and Elmore in the all-around with a 34.20.

BOYS GYMNASTICS

The Andover High boys gymnastics team had some excellent individual performances in its four season-opening meets, despite coming out on the short end of the score against Eastern Mass. League opponents Newton North, Braintree, Attleboro and non-league Salem, N.H.

Schedule

The Golden Warriors return to action this Saturday morning at the annual Salem, N.H. High Invitational (10 a.m.).

Next Wednesday evening (5 p.m.) AHS will host first-year team Lowell which is coached by former Andover High standout Barry Dubois with assistance from longtime Golden Warriors' coach Steve Sirois.

Newton North 130.60

Andover 116.20

Senior Capt. Matt Jones placed top three in four events and finished second in the all-around at the season-opening dual against the reigning state champions.

Jones registered a second on high bar (4.3), third in vault (7.6), third on parallel bars (4.5), third on side horse (5.2) and fifth in floor exercise (5.5) on the way to a 31.40 all-around total.

Sophomore Rob Ginsburg added a second on side horse (5.3) and third on high bar (3.8), while sophomore Dave Fielding was runner-up on the

rings (4.5) and senior Vern Trageser placed third on rings (4.4).

Newton North freshman Jason Shen finished first in the all-around competition with a 43.90.

Braintree 150.50

Andover 128.20

The host Wamps swept the top two places in each of the six events, while Matt Jones nailed down four third-place finishes for visiting Andover on rings (5.5), side horse (5.3), parallel bars (5.3) and high bar (4.4).

Other AHS thirds went to junior Tod Putnam in floor exercise (6.45) and freshman Tyler Hopkins in vault with a season-high 8.0 score.

"Our vaulting and floor exercise scores were solid from top to bottom," said coach Jack Gleason. "We should be strong all season in those two events."

Other top hand-spring vaulters for the Golden Warriors were Putnam with a 7.85, Jones 7.8 and Dave Fielding 7.7.

Trailing Putnam in floor were Jones with a 5.9, Hopkins 5.75 and sophomore Mike Zammuto 5.4.

Jones boosted his all-around score almost three full points from the first meet, finishing third overall at 34.20.

Braintree took 1-2 all-around as Drake Monaco scored 46.80 and Dan Pedretti 42.60.

Also providing inspiration for Andover was senior Dan Nolan who recorded a 5.0 on rings.

"Dan has torn cartilage in his leg so he can't do a dismount at the end of his routine," said coach Gleason. "But he still wants to compete."

"He's a tough kid. He was a 170-pound tackle on the football team and Dan held his own with kids much bigger."

Nolan has been selected to play for the Merrimack Valley Conference All-Stars in the Carole Football Classic to be held in Lowell in July.

Salem, N.H. 147.60

Attleboro 131.20

Andover 120.00

With all-around Matt Jones side-

lined by the flu, the Golden Warriors settled for third in a tri-meet Tuesday night at the Dunn Gym against visiting Salem, N.H. and Attleboro.

Senior Brian Decourcey produced the lone AHS first place of the meet, winning the parallel bars competition against Attleboro with a 4.7 score. That also earned him a third place versus Salem.

Nick Pelletier posted a 5.4 on side horse for second against Attleboro and third against Salem.

Placing third against Attleboro and fourth versus Salem were Ross Inman in floor exercise (6.1), Tod Putnam on high bar (4.3) and Meng Guo on parallel bars (4.4).

Putnam and Tyler Hopkins both scored 7.5 in vault to tie for third against Attleboro and tie for fourth versus Salem.

Dan Nolan registered a 5.1 on rings which placed third against both opponents.

Rob Ginsburg contributed a third on side horse against Attleboro (4.6) and Vern Trageser was fourth on rings versus Salem (4.4).

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The defending Merrimack Valley Conference champions remained invincible with two more solid victories recently, a 57-33 cruise past Lowell and a lopsided 57-20 romp over winless Notre Dame Academy of Tynsgboro on Tuesday night.

Those wins boosted coach Jim Tildsley's undefeated crew to 8-0 in league play and 11-0 overall, stretching the MVC win streak to 23 straight and the overall regular-season skein to 19 in a row.

Schedule

The MVC Game-of-the-Year takes place tomorrow night at the Dunn Gym when likewise-undefeated Central Catholic (11-0) comes to town for the first of two showdowns between the conference powers this season (7:30 p.m.).

Next Tuesday night another undefeated opponent, Brockton High, invades the Dunn Gym for a non-

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ANDOVER SCORING

BOYS BASKETBALL (11 games)

	FG	FT	Pts
Chris Vetrano	59	55	200
Kevin Shepard	49	37	143
Bruno Zanotti	47	33	132
Chris Caverly	32	7	71
Geordie Milotits	25	14	64
Pat Stockwood	15	14	45
Andy Carter	7	1	15
Chris Brouillard	3	1	7
Mike Byrne	2	2	6
Anthony Silva	2	0	4
Matt Withington	1	0	2

3-pointers: Chris Vetrano 27; Kevin Shepard 8; Bruno Zanotti 5; Pat Stockwood 1.

GIRLS BASKETBALL (11 games)

	FG	FT	Pts
Jenny Muller	67	27	170
Lisa Tisbert	46	14	126
Megan Pinksten	53	11	117
Ashley McLaughlin	32	15	83
Shannon Sweeney	27	9	63
Samantha Hughes	17	9	43
Merry Fish	9	4	25
Katie Kramer	10	1	21
Shawna Foley	8	4	20
Kelly McLaughlin	5	1	11
Karen Whelan	4	1	9
Alice Anastis	2	0	4

3-pointers: Lisa Tisbert 20; Jenny Muller 9; Ashley McLaughlin 4; Merry Fish 3.

ICE HOCKEY (9 games)

	G	A	Pts.
Dennis Moran	10	11	21
Steve Johnson	5	7	12
Mike Corey	6	4	10
Jon Ofria	1	6	7
Peter Burbank	2	4	6
Tim LeGrow	2	4	6
John Steams	3	1	4
George Lewis	2	2	4
Brendan Gleason	1	3	4
Jeff Vallera	2	0	2
Mike Anderson	0	2	2
Chris Cataldo	0	2	2
Dustin Shea	1	0	1
Steve Seero	0	1	1

AHS ROUNDUP

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league game (5 p.m. JV, 6:30 p.m. varsity tipoff).

The earlier start is to give Brockton time to return home at a decent hour on a school night.

Kramer honored

Junior guard Katie Kramer is this season's second Baystate Financial Services "Player of the Fortnight" award winner for the Lady Warriors.

"Katie has had a great year defensively," said coach Tildsley. "Especially so in our recent games against Lowell and Billerica."

"She consistently does a tremendous job guarding the opposing team's best shooting guard. She also does much more. She was 3-for-3 from the floor against Lowell, with six assists and four steals, and against Billerica she had six assists and six steals."

"Katie is an excellent practice player with a terrific work ethic. She truly has been one of our unsung heroes."

Scoring leaders

After 11 games, Jenny Muller leads the parade with 170 points (15.5 average). Lisa Tisbert has 126 points, Megan Pinksten 117 and Ashley McLaughlin 84.

Andover 57 Lowell 33

Producing one of its most complete performances of the season, the visiting Lady Warriors toppled a tough opponent at a tough venue.

"This (Lowell High's Riddick Field House) has been a tough place for us to play the six years I've been here," said coach Tildsley. "It's not a gym where a visiting team can get comfortable. We struggle there every year."

"But we played very well in this game. Our shooting was a little off but our defense was excellent."

"He (Lowell coach Mike Crowley) does an excellent job with that team. It's always a little scary when we play them. Tonight they used almost the full 30 seconds on the shot clock every time down the floor. That's why the score was low."

Andover led by only seven at the half, 27-20, but outpointed the Red Raiders 30-13 after the break.

"Megan Pinksten shut down (Estrella) Kulian in the middle, and Kramer did a terrific job on (point-guard Asia) Alston," said Tildsley.

The Lowell pair, who averaged more than 30 points combined, managed only five field goals and 14 total points.

Pinksten also led all scorers with 16 points, while adding 10 rebounds, three steals and one blocked shot.

Capt. Lisa Tisbert and sophomore Jenny Muller contributed 12 points each in the backcourt, while Tisbert also had five boards, six assists, two steals and Muller five rebounds, five assists, six steals and a blocked shot.

"Tisbert probably played her best all-around game of the season," said Tildsley.

Shannon Sweeney was a tigress on the glass with a season-high 17 rebounds to go with six points, three assists and two blocked shots.

Kramer also had six points along with six assists and four steals, while freshman Ashley McLaughlin posted three points, five boards, two assists and a block.

Samantha Hughes completed the AHS scoring with a field goal.

Alston led Lowell with 10 points and freshman Kayleigh Scannell netted seven.

Both teams were missing a player — Shawna Foley out with the flu for Andover and Lowell center Carmen Alvarado sidelined for the season with a torn ACL.

Alvarado averaged double figures in points and rebounds last year and is a major loss for the Red Raiders.

Andover 57 Notre Dame Academy 20

The host Lancers (0-10) were no match for Andover, which placed 10 players in the scoring column and had double-figure performances from game-high Jenny Muller, Lisa Tisbert and Megan Pinksten.

Muller tossed in 20 points to match NDA's team total, and she added four steals and three assists, while Tisbert had an exceptional night with 12 points, nine assists, eight steals and four rebounds.

Pinksten produced another double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds for AHS, which led 24-11 at the half and outscored NDA 33-9 in the final 16 minutes.

Merry Fish contributed three points and three steals while Ashley and Kelly McLaughlin, Samantha Hughes, Shawna Foley, Karen Whelan and Shannon Sweeney had a field goal each.

Sweeney also produced six rebounds and six steals, Kelly McLaughlin five rebounds, Foley two steals and Katie Kramer had two assists, two steals.

Ellen Boss paced Notre Dame, which did not have a player in double digits, with nine points.

BOYS BASKETBALL

The defending Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 champion Andover High boys remained within striking distance of Central Catholic and Haverhill, beating Lowell 65-55 to stay in the thick of the title chase.

The locals also stepped out of conference play and battled undefeated Division 1 South power Brockton High tough most of the way before dropping a 76-61 decision.

Those results left coach Dave Fazio's crew at 7-4 overall (7-3 in terms of MIAA Tournament qualification).

Schedule

Andover next has the key Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 showdown against Central Catholic (9-2) Saturday night at the Dunn Gym

(7:30), and the Golden Warriors then take nearly a week off before hosting Methuen next Friday (Jan. 26).

Scoring leaders

After 11 games, sweet-shooting freshman guard Chris Vetrano leads the team with exactly 200 points (18.2 average), while Kevin Shepard has 143 points and Paraguayan exchange student Bruno Zanotti 132.

Andover 65 Lowell 55

The balanced Golden Warriors placed four players in double figures, built a commanding 17-point halftime lead (39-22) and then stayed focused as Lowell mounted a mild second-half challenge.

Versatile Bruno Zanotti pocketed a team-high 15 points, which included 11 free throws, and added nine rebounds, five blocked shots and three assists.

Senior forward Chris Caverly produced his best effort of the season with 14 points, five rebounds and a solid defensive effort against Lowell's tough-to-guard Marcus Wilson.

Also in twin figures for the locals were Capt. Kevin Shepard and freshman Chris Vetrano with 12 points each, while Shepard also managed six rebounds, three assists and Vetrano nine assists, three boards.

Completing the AHS attack were Geordie Miliotis, with eight points, Andy Carter and Mike Byrne with two each.

Firing up the Lowell offense were Leo Martinez and Marcus Wilson with 16 points each. Frederick Koumorgo contributed eight and William "Cuby" Pena seven.

Pena had scored a school-record 44 points in a Greater Lowell Christmas Tournament overtime win against Chelmsford earlier this season.

Brockton 76 Andover 61

Chris Vetrano and Bruno Zanotti combined for 33 points to pace the Golden Warriors, who trailed the

host Boxers by only four at the half (40-36).

But Brockton slowly pulled away in the second half — outscoring the locals 36-25 to secure the victory.

Vetrano, who nailed five three-pointers, shared game-high scoring honors with 19 points while Zanotti added 14 points, seven rebounds and blocked four shots.

Kevin Shepard tossed in nine points, Chris Caverly six, Geordie Miliotis five and Andy Carter four. Chris Brouillard and Pat Stockwood contributed a field goal each.

Because Brockton is a member of the Big Three, the loss did not count towards Andover's bid for tourney qualification.

INDOOR TRACK

The undefeated Andover High girls track team continued to make it look easy with a third straight lopsided win, a 66-20 romp against visiting Merrimack Valley Conference crossover rival Methuen recently at the AHS Field House.

The Andover boys, however, dropped their second meet of the season as Methuen prevailed, 54-32.

Golden Warriors' head coach Art Iworsley was also notified by league officials that his protest of a season-opening one-point loss to Tewksbury was denied. The 43-42 Redmen victory stands.

Schedule

Both Andover teams returned to the AHS indoor oval yesterday, after *Townsmen* presstime, with their first MVC Division 1 meet of the season against Central Catholic.

Next Wednesday the locals will host Haverhill in dual meet action (3:30 p.m.).

Andover girls 66 Methuen 20

The Lady Warriors placed first in eight of the 10 events, sweeping the 1000 run, two-mile and shot put on

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SCHOOLTALK

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and favorite mystery authors, create coded messages, disguises, and have a surprise visitor. The final mission will be to follow clues in the Children's Room at the library in order to solve a mystery.

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MCAS Challenge

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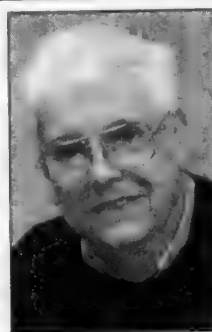
tests, if applied on an individual basis, are unfair and don't measure what they're purported to," he said. He favors the use of aggregate data that can be gleaned from standardized tests for such uses as fine-tuning curriculum, but not as a criterion for individual students' graduation.

"I've always been suspicious of a test where somebody puts forward a few facts that everybody needs to know," he said. "In general, I'm sympathetic to the idea of standards, but the first hard part in dealing with standards is finding out what the stan-

dard is, and I'm not sure we're clear on that. Enforcement is ahead of the game here. I'm distrustful that the sources of this test are really knowledgeable of what every citizen, every student needs to know. In a country that is as wonderfully diverse as ours, I doubt that there could be any test that could measure that."

He said that what he will be looking for on the sample test is "a certain reasonableness," and "some open-ended questions that would allow a person to express a variety of views."

Louise Valleau of Summer Street



Bruce Earnley

has a son who is a sophomore, but she said that she will not be participating in Tucker's exercise, citing a lack of time and a feeling that the exercise would not benefit her sufficiently.

"I'll listen to the debates and listen to my children and judge from that," she said.

According to Burkholder, about 60 people have registered to take the MCAS Challenge so far. Anyone who wants to register can call Sen. Tucker's office at (617) 722-1612 or e-mail her at <STucker@senate.state.ma.us>.

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AHS ROUNDUP

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the way to the lopsided victory over the Rangers.

Natasha Camilo led the way with a victory in the 600 run (1:40.5) and a tie for first in the high jump after clearing the bar at 4'10."

Other individual winners for AHS were Meet MVP Stephanie Casper in the 300 dash (personal-best 41.5), Lindsay Durkin (1000 run, 3:07.4), miler Emily Pfeil (5:48.1), two-miler Laura O'Connell (12:49.4) and shot putter Ogechi Ibe (34'8").

Also victorious was the 4x400 relay team of Joan Moffitt, Christina Araujo, Liz Sullivan and Julia Kwolyk.

Allyson Fortier (3:11.5) and Melissa Yee (3:11.6) completed the sweep of the 1000.

Kaitlin Stolberg (13:41.1) and Kwolyk

(13:41.2) placed 23 in the two-mile, crossing the line a half-stride apart, and following Ibe in the shot were Robin Young (33'2 1/2") and Betsy Miller (28'6 1/2").

Sheena Patel was second in a photo finish (7.6) and Stephanie Pierce third (7.8) in the 50 hurdles.

Other runners-up were Carolyn Berberian (50 dash, 6.7), Jessica Urbelis (600 run, 1:42.0) and miler Caitlin Woo (6:10.1).

Completing the scorers with additional thirds were sprinter Janelle Larose (300 dash, 42.0) and high jumper Becca Fink (4'8").

Methuen 54

Andover boys 32

Meet MVP Bruce Brown highlighted the Golden Warriors' effort

with a victory in the 50 dash (5.8) and a strong lead leg for the victorious 4x400 relay.

Kyle Miller, Shawn Gaines and Jack Eskin followed Brown in the relay (4:06.3).

Other AHS winners were distance standouts Tim Galebach in the mile (4:42.2) and Brendan Ahern in the two-mile (10:42.5).

Andover seconds went to Miller in the 50 hurdles (6.9), Shahriar Ghandchi in the 300 dash (36.2), Taylor Hinder who ran a gutsy 1000 race (2:39.1) and high jumper Jason Crabbe (5'3").

Methuen swept the 600 and shot put and captured all nine third-place finishes in the meet.

"Phil Shaw (distance standout) was out injured and Ghandchi competed but was sick with the flu," said coach Iworsley. "With those two healthy the meet would have been closer."



Andover Pee-wee 3 Hockey Academy Xmas Games Champions are, from left (standing): Ed Hunt, Brad Murray, Tripp Finneran, Mike Burbank, Kaitlyn Conway; (bottom row) Paul Caradonna, Bryan Black, Peter Smith, Paul Paonessa, Chris Muscatello, Dan Powers, Ben Peacock, Brian Walsh, Ricky Sawyer. Not pictured: Rachel Lindmark, Chris Fiorentino.

BOYS BASKETBALL

ANDOVER 65, LOWELL 55 at Dunn Gym

Lowell — Leo Martinez 6-1-16, Jack Farrell 2-0-4, Mickey Ryan 1-0-2, William Pena 3-1-7, Frederick Kounkorgo 4-0-8, Marcus Wilson 7-0-16, Chris Wilson 1-0-2. **Totals:** 24-2-55.

Andover — Andy Carter 1-0-2, Geordie Miliotis 4-0-8, Chris Vetrano 5-0-12, Chris Caverly 7-0-14, Bruno Zanotti 2-11-15, Kevin Shepard 5-1-12, Mike Byrne 1-0-2. **Totals:** 25-12-65.

Halftime: Andover, 39-22. **3-pointers:** A, Vetrano 2, Shepard 1; L, Martinez 3, MWilson 2. **Rebounds:** A, Zanotti 9, Shepard 6, Caverly 5, Vetrano 3. **Assists:** A, Vetrano 9, Shepard 3, Zanotti 3. **Blocked Shots:** A, Zanotti 5.

BROCKTON 76, ANDOVER 61 at Brockton High

Andover — Chris Caverly 3-0-6, Geordie Miliotis 2-1-5, Bruno Zanotti 6-2-14, Andy Carter 2-0-4, Pat Stockwood 1-0-2, Chris Vetrano 7-0-19, Chris Brouillard 1-0-2, Kevin Shepard 4-0-9. **Totals:** 26-3-61.

Brockton — Wilnot 2-0-4, Jackson 1-0-2, Gomes 1-0-3, Whitaker 7-2-16, Ford 1-0-2, Hancock 1-0-3, Wilson 7-1-19, Bernard 7-0-15, Langston 3-1-7, Council 1-0-2, Geannite 1-0-3. **Totals:** 32-4-76.

Halftime: Brockton, 40-36. **3-pointers:** A, Vetrano 5, Shepard 1; B, Wilson 4, Hancock 1, Bernard 1, Geannite 1, Gomes 1.

Record: Andover 7-4

GIRLS BASKETBALL

ANDOVER 57, NOTRE DAME ACADEMY 20 at Tyngsboro

Andover — Lisa Tisbert 4-2-12, Jenny Muller 9-2-20, Katie Kramer 0-0-0, Merry Fish 1-1-3, Ashley McLaughlin 1-0-2, Alice Anestis 0-0-0, Samantha Hughes 1-0-2, Kelly McLaughlin 1-0-2, Shawna Foley 1-0-2, Karen Whelan 1-0-2, Shannon Sweeney 1-0-2, Megan Pinksten 5-0-10. **Totals:** 25-5-57.

Notre Dame Academy — Ellen Boss 4-1-9, Nicki Lowe 0-1-1, Colleen Sullivan 1-0-2, Tracy Sarro 2-0-4, Maggie Brice 2-0-4. **Totals:** 9-2-20.

Halftime: Andover, 24-11. **3-pointers:** A, Tisbert 2. **Rebounds:** A, Pinksten 10, Sweeney 6, KMcLaughlin 5, Tisbert 4. **Assists:** A, Tisbert 9, Muller 3, Kramer 2. **Steals:** A, Tisbert 8, Sweeney 6, Muller 4, Fish 3, Kramer 2, Foley 2.

Record: Andover 11-0

ANDOVER 57, LOWELL 33 at Riddick Field House, Lowell

Andover — Lisa Tisbert 5-0-12, Katie Kramer 3-0-6, Jenny Muller 4-4-12, Merry Fish 0-0-0, Ashley McLaughlin 1-1-3, Alice Anestis 0-0-0, Samantha Hughes 1-0-2, Karen Whelan 0-0-0, Shannon Sweeney 3-0-6, Kelly McLaughlin 0-0-0, Megan Pinksten 8-0-16. **Totals:** 25-5-57.

Lowell — Courtney Keefe 0-0-0, Asia Alston 3-4-10, Jenn Scannell 1-0-2, Katherine Kennedy 1-0-2, Estrella Kulian 2-0-4, Lauren Beausoleil 1-0-2, Kayleigh Scannell 2-1-7, Jamie Woodward 2-0-4, Sarah Staid 1-0-2. **Totals:** 13-5-33.

Halftime: Andover, 27-20. **3-pointers:** A, Tisbert 2; L, KScannell 2. **Rebounds:** A, Sweeney 17, Pinksten 10, Tisbert 5, Muller 5, AMcLaughlin 5. **Assists:** A, Tisbert 6, Muller 5, Kramer 5, Sweeney 3, AMcLaughlin 2. **Steals:** A, Muller 6, Pinksten 3, Tisbert 2, Kramer 2. **Blocked SDhots:** A, Sweeney 2, Pinksten 1, Muller 1, AMcLaughlin 1.

ICE HOCKEY

ANDOVER 3, HAVERHILL 2

at Merrimack Valley Forum, Lawrence

FIRST PERIOD: 1. H, Neil Kelleher (Dave Thompson), 7:36; 2. A, Dennis Moran 5 (Steve Johnson), 8:52; 3. H, Thompson (NKelleher), 11:05.

SECOND PERIOD: No scoring.

THIRD PERIOD: 4. A, Mike Corey 4 (Johnson, Moran), 9:12; 5. A, Moran 6 (Peter Burbank, Jon Ofria), 13:30.

Haverhill	2	0	0	—	2
Andover	1	0	2	—	3

Shots on goal: Andover 8-17-13-38, Haverhill 10-7-8-25. **Goalies:** A, Brian Kaminski (25 shots, 23 saves); H, Justin Teal (38 shots, 35 saves). **Penalties:** Andover 4, Haverhill 4.

ANDOVER 4, WESTFORD 2

at Skate 3 Pavilion, Tyngsboro

FIRST PERIOD: 1. A, Steve Johnson 3 (unassisted), 14:28.

SECOND PERIOD: 2. A, Mike Corey 5 (Dennis Moran), 8:55; 3. W, Dennis Kane 10 (John Amo, Josh Doolittle), 9:15; 4. A, Corey 6 (Moran, Tim LeGrow), 10:51; 5. W, Chris Carpenter 3 (Kane, Brian Boudreau), 13:53.

THIRD PERIOD: 6. A, John Steams 3 (Peter Burbank, Jon Ofria), 1:09.

Andover	1	2	1	—	4
Westford	0	2	0	—	2

Shots on goal: Andover 13-14-18-45, Westford 12-11-4-27. **Goalies:** A, Mike Thompson (27 shots, 25 saves); W, Steve Maestranzi (45 shots, 41 saves). **Penalties:** Andover 8, Westford 4.

ANDOVER 4, CHELMSFORD 2

at Merrimack Valley Forum, Lawrence

FIRST PERIOD: No scoring.

SECOND PERIOD: 1. A, Steve Johnson 4 (Mike Corey, Brendan Gleason), 1:16 (pp); 2. A, Jeff Vallera 2 (unassisted), 2:23; 3. A, Dennis Moran 7 (Corey, Johnson), 3:29; 4. C, Ted Reardon 6 (Dave Bishop), 11:14 (pp); 5. C, Josh Achtemecht 2 (Reardon, Tim Daley), 12:07 (pp).

THIRD PERIOD: 6. A, Moran 8 (Tim LeGrow), 0:44.

Chelmsford	0	2	0	—	2
Andover	0	3	1	—	4

Shots on goal: Andover 7-11-5-23, Chelmsford 5-9-7-21. **Goalies:** A, Mike Thompson (21 shots, 19 saves); C, Scott Silva (23 shots, 19 saves). **Penalties:** Andover 6, Chelmsford 7.

ANDOVER 7, METHUEN 1

at Merrimack Valley Forum, Lawrence

FIRST PERIOD: 1. A, George Lewis 1 (Jon Ofria, Mike Anderson), 13:22.

SECOND PERIOD: 2. M, Derek Wakeen (Al Soucy, Jason Taschereau), 5:39; 3. A, Dennis Moran 9 (Steve Johnson), 8:32; 4. A, Brendan Gleason 1 (Johnson, Moran), 13:24.

THIRD PERIOD: 5. A, Moran 10 (Tim LeGrow, Mike Corey), 6:09; 6. A, Peter Burbank 2 (Steve Seero, Johnson), 8:49 (pp); 7. A, Johnson 5 (Moran, LeGrow), 9:51; 8. A, Lewis 2 (unassisted), 10:15.

Methuen	0	1	0	—	1
Andover	1	2	4	—	7

Shots on goal: Andover 14-12-19-45, Methuen 3-5-2-10. **Goalies:** A, Mike Thompson & Brandon Gatlin (10 shots, 9 saves); M, Dustin Aziz (45 shots, 38 saves). **Penalties:** Andover 4, Methuen 3.

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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, February 1, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Wood Ayer Limited Partnership and Northpoint Realty Trust, c/o Minco Development, 231 Sutton Street, N. Andover, MA 01845 for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section V.A. and V.B. to allow the total height of the building to be 65 feet or a modification of Decision No. 2929 and 3026.

Premises affected are located at 1 Stevens Street, 188-198 North Main Street and 204-210 North Main Street, Andover, MA in a Mixed Use District; and are shown on Assessor's Map 37 as Lots 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 31.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened during a special meeting of the Board on Wednesday, January 31, 2001, at 7:00 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlett Street, pursuant to an Order of Remand of the Land Court issued on January 3, 2001 ordering the Board to strike five (5) conditions imposed by the Board in its decision filed on November 3, 2000 approving a definitive subdivision plan entitled WILLOUGHBY ESTATES located off Prides Circle (off Abbot Street), on land purported to be owned now or formerly by Green Trust; Trustees of Phillips Academy; Elizabeth Manning Schumm; and Warren and Anne McKeon; more specifically identified as parcels 19, 20, 21, 42, 43 and 44 on Assessor's Map 76. The amendment is to add three (3) sheets depicting off-site utilities to be installed by the developer in Abbot Street and Spring Grove Road, said three sheets intended to be included in the approval but inadvertently omitted, and to amend the conditions attached to the Board's approval of the plan. The subject three sheets, and the entire plan may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Pearson farmhouse

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ject is being handled in a very professional manner," said Paul Salafia of 283 South Main, who is also a Planning Board member, "and it's certainly a great

cause to see this building being kept intact."

The property at 254 South Main St. is owned by Phillips Academy, which needs to move the house in order to make way for the

double hockey rink it plans to build. Had no one come forward to purchase the house for PA's sale price of \$1, and then move it, school officials had planned to reluctantly demolish it.

Barrett owns the 30,000 square-foot lot at 305 South Main, and he says moving

the house is costing him about \$40,000.

After placing it on the new site and bracing the halves back together, he plans to renovate the home and resell it.

"It should be a lot of fun," said Barrett of the move.

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Premises affected are located at 57 North Street, Andover, MA in a Single Residence C District; and are shown on Assessor's Map 28 as Lots 35 & 35.

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January 18 & 25, 2001

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A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, February 1, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of David and Susan Holzman, 214 Holt Road, Andover, MA for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section V.A. and/or for a special permit under Article VIII, Section VII.A.1 to add second floor and construct a breezeway that will not meet dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 214 Holt Road, Andover, MA in a Single Residence B District; and are shown on Assessor's Map 44 as Lot 46.

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Premises affected are located at 5 Wolcott Avenue, Andover, MA in a Single Residence A District; and are shown on Assessor's Map 38 as Lot 193.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
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January 18 & 25, 2001

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT

Essex Division
Docket No. 98P 1751-EP1
NOTICE OF FIDUCIARY'S
ACCOUNT

To all persons interested in the estate of MABEL BARRON FREEMAN, otherwise known as MABEL B. FREEMAN late of 19 Haggett's Pond Road, Andover, MA, Essex County 01810.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the first and final account of SHIRLEY BARRON BELISLE and BRENDA BARRON HIRMER as Executrices (the fiduciary) under the will of said deceased has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Salem on or before the twelfth day of February, 2001, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account. If you desire to object to any item of said account, you must in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

Witness, EDWARD J. ROCKETT, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Salem this eighth day of January, 2001

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate
January 18, 2001

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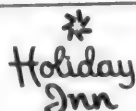
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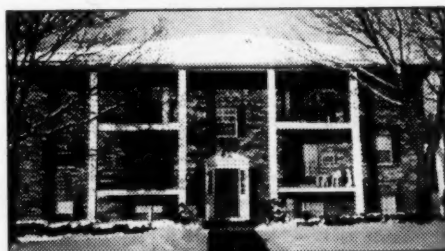


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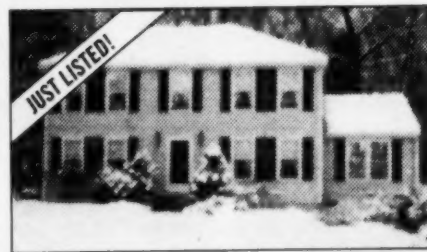
JUST LISTED! SPECTACULAR! Set on four acres of land in this immaculate and pristine Gambrel Colonial. first floor features white kitchen, fireplaced family room, living room and dining room. Second floor has three bedrooms and two full baths. Walk-out basement, huge deck, town sewer are but a few of the many additional features.**\$399,900**
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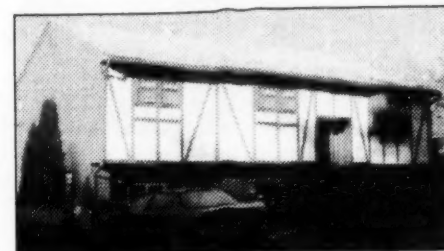
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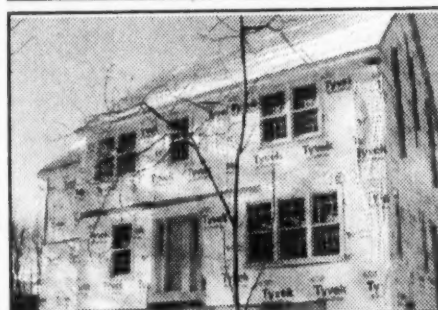


ELEGANT HIP ROOF COLONIAL with 11 rooms, 4-5 bedrooms, perfect in-law or au pair, tiled entrance, oak custom kitchen with fireplace & Jen-Air, fully applianced, large counter, plus dining area. Formal living room, step-up to dining room with sliders to deck, fireplaced family room, cathedral ceiling, skylights, great room over garage, enormous, perfect sunroom, heated library, 4 bedrooms, 2 jacuzzi baths, finished lower level for family fun, 3 car garage, steel beam construction, security, central air & vac, intercom, cedar siding, professionally landscaped & more!**\$729,900**
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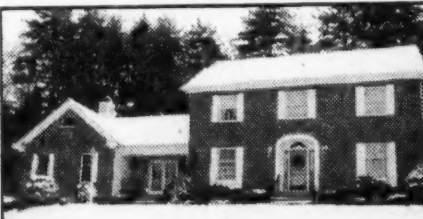
ANDOVER Light, bright and airy ranch with open floor plan, gas fireplaced living room, lovely master suite. Walk to Boston commuter train stop. A heart-beat from Andover center. See this gem today.
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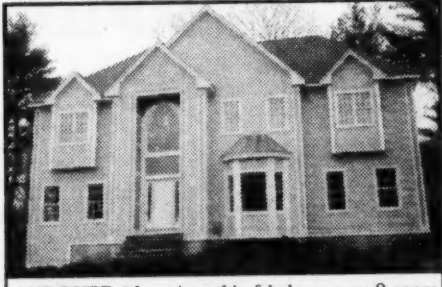
NORTH ANDOVER Totally renovated 10 room Colonial in easy commute neighborhood! Like new with all new hardwood floors and carpeting, new replacement windows, light maple kitchen, fireplaced living room, master bedroom with sitting room or office, detached 2 car garage with loft workshop!
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NORTH ANDOVER Seasonal views of Lake Cochichewick! Outstanding 9 room, 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath Colonial with exceptional architectural details and a Victorian flair! Stone fireplaced family room with wet bar, dining room with sculptured ceiling, finished lower level with kitchen & bath... come explore!
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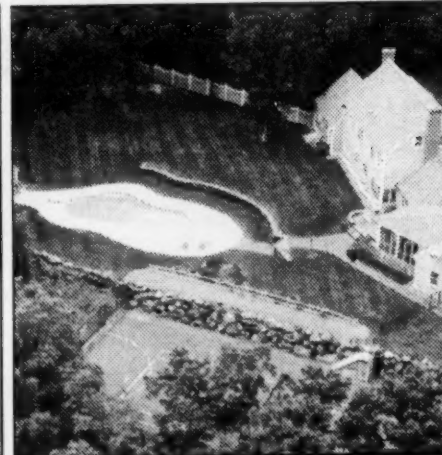
ANDOVER Exceptional quality & design in this custom built brickfront Colonial with exciting detail and appointments! 1st floor study of marble foyer. Designer perfect 26' kitchen with granite counters, state of the art appliances & great windows! French doors in kitchen lead to fireplaced family room. 4 bedrooms, 4 car garage, landscaped lot with underground sprinkler system.... outstanding choice!
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NORTH ANDOVER, LIBRARY AREA, 1st AD!
 Newly renovated 7 rm Cape
 lg eat-in kit w/raised panel cabs
 many built-ins - all new windows
 town water & sewer - level lot
 security system - two zoned gas
 2 BR - 2 full baths - \$324,900
 A new listing by Dick Barret x131

NEW LISTING

OPEN HOUSE SUN 1-3
417 Johnson Street

NORTH ANDOVER, COL FARMHOUSE, 1st AD!
ESTATE LIKE GROUNDS
 move-in condition - new appliances
 7 rooms - 3 BR - 2 full baths - HW
 walkout basement - huge 2 car garage
 walk to Sargent School - \$399,900
 A new listing by Nick geranios x121
ngeranios@andoverliving.com

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**COMMERCIAL CONDO AT
 BROOKMEADOW OFFICE PARK
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 3 enclosed offices
 1st floor unit - lots of parking
 \$119,000 - Deborah Perrone x126
dperrone@andoverliving.com


virtual tour #064

ANDOVER, SOUTHWICK ESTATES!
 10 rooms - 4 bedrooms - 2.5 baths
 1 plus acre - 3600 sq. ft. liv. space
 3 car under - central air - sprinkler system
 custom "craftsman" kitchen by Al Gervais
 first floor office - sunroom
 A listing by Chris Doherty x230 - \$759,900
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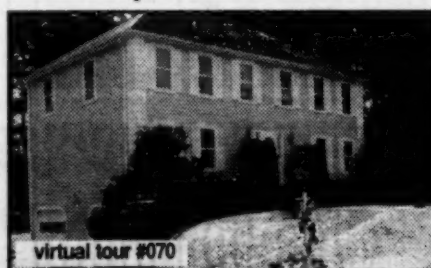


virtual tour #062

NORTH ANDOVER!
 Beautifully maintained home in Library Area!
 6 rooms - 3 bedrooms - full bsmt
 move in condition - gleaming HW
 oversized attached garage - updated kitchen
 Heatilator FP liv - light & bright - \$299,900
 A listing by Jack Hewitt x228
jhewitt@andoverliving.com



ANDOVER! LOCATION & STYLE!
 Super opportunity - Close to town
 Terrific family neighborhood
 8 rm Colonial sited on acre lot
 Newer "light filled" generous Great room
 HW - built-ins - tiled mud rm off garage
 A listing by Beth Poulo! x221 - \$429,900
bpoulo@andoverliving.com



virtual tour #070

NORTH ANDOVER!
 Completely remodeled hip roof Colonial
 set back on acre lot - woodsy cul-de-sac
 8 rms - 4 BR - 2.5 BA - near riding trails
 additional fin rm & bath in lower level
 light & bright - lots of HW - \$499,900
 Another listing by Deborah Lucci Perrone x126
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virtual tour #067

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 Washington Park Condo at Plymouth House
 Walk to shopping, bus & town
 First floor - 505 square feet - one bedroom
 Tennis - Pool - No pets
 Garden style with patio
 Another listing by Cheri Apelian X234
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NORTH ANDOVER! BETTER THAN NEW!
 Location, walk to Brooks School!
 8 rooms - 4 bedrooms - 2.5 baths
 acre+ - 2740+ GLA - spectacular views
 2 car attached - central air
 white kitchen w/gas fireplace - \$439,900
 A listing by Michael Sibulesky x247
msibulesky@andoverliving.com



virtual tour #071

NORTH ANDOVER, OLDE CENTER -
Rare Opportunity - private cul-de-sac
 Sprawling 11 rm contemporary
 5500+ sq. ft. liv. sp. - 1st flr master
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 5 BR - 4.5 BA - cust quality thruout
 A listing by Mary Gilmartin x248
 \$1,125,000

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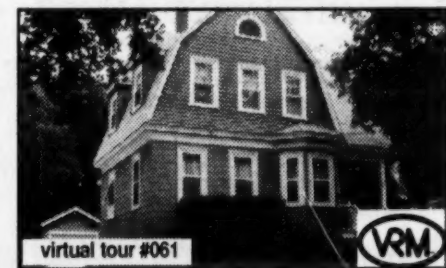
virtual tour #029

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TAKE VIRTUAL TOUR #029
 South School - great commuter location
 inground pool - patio - screened house
 charming kitchen w/breakfast nook
 8 rooms - 4 bedrooms - VRM 34
 A listing by Janice Furey x246
 Range \$279,900 - \$318,876



virtual tour #053

ANDOVER, COUNTRY LIVING!
 Totally updated contemp Colonial on acre
 2 car detached garage has room w/sliders
 fireplaced master & living rooms
 new white kitchen - 2 new baths - 3 lg BR
 country living at its best - immed occup
Seller to consider offers in range \$329K - \$378,876
 A VRM #37 listing by The Moody Team x251



virtual tour #061

ANDOVER, WALK TO TOWN!
"Real charmer of yesteryear"
 Terrific neighborhood - 8 rm Dutch Colonial
 3/4 bedrooms - detached gar w/new roof
 new windows - new porch
 abuts town conservation land -
 Another listing by The Moody Team x251
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